

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	DATE <b>11/20/74</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/23/74 - 11/8/74</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>DENNIS JAMES BANKS,</b>		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	TYPED BY <b>dlk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLE</b>	b6 b7C

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigative period is listed as 9/23/74, the date the existence of the indictment pending against BANKS was verified. Investigation recorded herein has been previously reported in Minneapolis reports; primarily the cases entitled "DISAMIND Anti Riot Laws" MP file 176-87, Bufile 176-2232. -Minneapolis also has a related case entitled [Redacted]

[Redacted] It is anticipated that BANKS and [Redacted] may or may not be tried jointly though the charges against both of them arise from the stopping of the Mack truck as reported in the attached report. This report is being furnished to assist the U. S. Attorney by deleting materials that are extraneous to the prosecution regarding the attempt to interfere with the Mack truck. By separate communication, U.S. Attorney has been advised that additional materials

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED

☒ NONE

### ACQUIT-TALS

CASE HAS BEEN:

PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO  
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☒ YES ☐ NO

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IN CHARGE

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may be available to him in the [redacted]  
[redacted] files. The indictment against BANKS (and  
[redacted] was filed on April 10, 1973; therefore,  
this case has been marked "yes" as pending over one  
year and pending prosecution over six months.

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Interviews with potential witnesses are set forth. It is to be noted that in the trial of RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS at St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the "leadership Trials" arising from the takeover at Wounded Knee, that the Defense Council has obtained approval through the discovery order of obtaining all FD-302's and recorded statements of witnesses. Therefore, all FD-302's of potential witnesses shown herein are included in this report where the interviews relate to the period on or about 2/6/73 when the truck was stopped at Custer, South Dakota.

The following FD-302 reporting interview with JOHN EVANS, Deputy Sheriff, Custer County, South Dakota, on 2/7/73 is being set forth in the administrative section since he is concealing the identity of one of his sources. This FD-302 has been submitted by separate letter to the USA, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



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JOHN EVANS, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Custer County, Custer South Dakota upon interview advised the following information:

EVANS advised that "a citizen who does not want to become known for fear of retaliation by the American Indian Movement Group" telephonically advised him that

[REDACTED]

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EVANS also advised that this group may also be the group who struck [REDACTED] an employee at the Bulk Plant, on the head with an axe handle for no apparent reason at all.

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by SA [REDACTED] djk Date dictated 2/9/73

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AT CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

At States Attorney's Office or through [redacted]  
[redacted] South Dakota States Attorney in charge of  
prosecution of various subjects in connection with the  
riots at South Dakota, determine if there are  
photographs, other items of evidence or additional  
witnesses regarding instant matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - USA, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: NOVEMBER 20, 1974

Office: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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Field Office File #: 149-427

Bureau File #:

Title: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Character: DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR  
MOTOR VEHICLE

## Synopsis:

Indictment filed April 10, 1973, in U. S. District Court of South Dakota, Western Division, charging BANKS with [REDACTED] on February 6, 1973, tampering with a Mack tractor and gasoline trailer-truck while that unit was engaged in interstate commerce. BANKS was identified as being in a leadership role at Custer, South Dakota, at the time of the February 6, 1973 riot when the courthouse and other buildings were burned. BANKS identified as assisting in acts of arson and as stopping tractor and trailer.

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DETAILS:ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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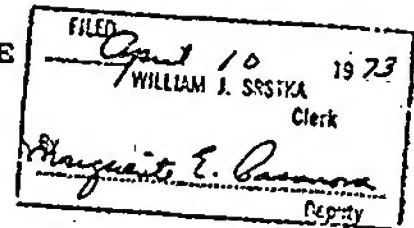
PROSECUTIVE ACTION

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On September 23, 1974, SA [redacted] ascertained from the records of the Clerk of U. S. District Court that an indictment had been filed against DENNIS BANKS and [redacted] on April 10, 1973. [redacted] was arraigned on April 23, 1973 and BANKS was arraigned on July 5, 1973. Both entered pleas of not guilty.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
WESTERN DIVISION



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United States of America,  
Plaintiff  
vs.

Dennis Banks and  
[REDACTED]

Defendants  
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CR 73 - 5078

I N D I C T M E N T

( 18 U.S.C. §33 )  
Destruction of  
Motor Vehicle

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The Grand Jury Charges:

On or about the 6th day of February 1973 in the City of Custer,  
State and Western Division of South Dakota,

DENNIS BANKS and [REDACTED]

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wilfully and with a reckless disregard for the safety of human life,  
tampered with a motor vehicle, that is a 1967 Mack tractor, Wyoming  
license No. 21-1420 and a 9,000 gallon gasoline trailer, Wyoming  
license No. 21-338, belonging to the Dixon Brothers Corporation,  
then being used, operated and employed in interstate commerce from  
New Castle in the State of Wyoming to Hill City in the State of South  
Dakota; in violation of Title 18, U.S.C. §33.

A TRUE BILL:

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Foreman

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William F. Clayton  
United States Attorney



LOG; EVENTS PRECEDING AND  
INCLUDING RIOT AT  
CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, FEBRUARY 6, 1973

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Date of transcription February 14, 1973

On February 6, 1973, the following log was maintained by SA [ ] after being notified that a caravan of automobiles containing groups of Indians appeared to be heading in a southerly direction from Rapid City, South Dakota, to Custer, South Dakota:

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12:30 PM SA [ ] via State Police Radio advised that about eight to 11 cars containing five to seven Indian people were heading south out of Rapid City on Highway 16 which highway leads to Custer

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12:35 PM State Police Radio advised that one of the South Dakota Highway Patrolmen observed 12 cars, including a Volkswagen Van, bearing [ ] license number [ ] were heading south out of Rapid City on Highway 79

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12:42 PM State Police Radio advised that 16 cars had just passed the Horseless Carriage on Highway 16 south of Rapid City

12:52 PM State Police Radio advised that a highway patrolman observed a station wagon containing a man and a woman pass through Pringle, South Dakota. This station wagon bore [ ] license [ ] (1972).

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12:54 PM SA [ ] advised that the 12-car caravan heading south on Highway 79 had just turned west on Highway 36 and were heading toward Custer State Park.

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by [ ] DCW:obl

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1:15 PM

State Police Radio reported that the group which left Rapid City on Highway 16 heading south had just overturned and ignited a covered wagon at Chut's Rooster, Hill City, South Dakota, and that this wagon was in the center of the highway and was on fire.

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SA [ ] advised that the group which was on Highway 36 had just passed the Legion Lake located in Custer State Park.

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SA [ ] advised that the group which had passed Legion Lake had now just passed Gordon Stockade located about five miles east of Custer.

State Police Radio had advised that the group traveling south on 16 and 385 had just passed Crazy Horse Monument which is about five miles north of Custer.

1:42 PM

The two caravan groups both arrived at Custer and went directly to the Custer County Court House.

1:45 PM

The caravan group got out of their cars and assembled in front of the Custer County Court House.

2:00 - 4:00 PM During this period of time the Indian demonstrators commenced to break into the court house, they smashed windows, and threw firebombs, setting the Custer County Court House on fire. Also during this period, the demonstrators destroyed two of the Custer County Sheriff's offices.

- 7 - They also forced open the trunks of these automobiles and removed tear gas and two shotguns, riot-type, and one high-powered rifle.

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During this same period of time the demonstrators set fire to the Custer Chamber of Commerce building and had painted "AIM" on business places near the Custer County Court House.

At about 3:00 PM the immediate arrest of demonstrators began. Shortly after this, the State Police Radio announced that two highway patrolmen had been injured, two DCI Agents had been injured, and an Agent of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Unit had been struck. State Police Radio also advised that after arrests commenced, the group began to break up and were re-assembling a block west of the county court house, Custer, and appeared to be getting in their cars and heading south toward Hot Springs, South Dakota.

4:00 PM

State Police Radio advised that one group heading south had turned in the Wind Cave National Park and were now heading for Buffalo Gap, South Dakota, which lies east of Wind Cave National Park.

4:15 PM

State Police Radio advised that the Sheriff's Office at New Castle, Wyoming had just advised that an 18-car caravan had just gone through New Castle and had stopped to ask directions north to Rapid City.

**PERSONS IDENTIFYING BANKS AS ACTING  
IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITY DURING RIOT  
AT CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA**

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Date of transcription February 13, 1973

[redacted]  
Custer County, Custer, South Dakota, upon interview  
furnished the following information:

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At about 2:00 PM on February 6, 1973, RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS, leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM), another Indian described only as being shorter and smaller than MEANS and BANKS, who was holding a mike and carrying a recording device, and a fourth Indian whose identity was never revealed to [redacted] appeared in the office which [redacted] had set up to meet with the leaders of the AIM appeared in this office. [redacted] invited the four Indians to sit down and to state their presence and immediately MEANS spoke and said they would stand and refuse to sit down. MEANS, according to [redacted] immediately started asking questions and did not allow [redacted] to answer any of the questions. [redacted] advised that most of the questions were along the lines of the Indian injustices and in connection with the BAD HEART BULL incident which occurred at Buffalo Gap, South Dakota, where a white man stabbed BAD HEART BULL. [redacted] stated that MEANS felt that [redacted] should have been arrested for murder.

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[redacted] advised that he had listened to MEANS and BANKS demand that murder instead of second degree manslaughter charges be filed against [redacted] Custer, who, according to [redacted] is charged with the stabbing death of WESLEY CHARLES BAD HEART BULL on or about January 22, 1973, at Buffalo Gap.

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At this point, BANKS took over the questioning stating that the injustices of the Indians all over the United States have been mounding and he was personally obsessed over the bond of \$5,000 which had been the bond placed on [redacted] for the stabbing of BAD HEART BULL.

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[ ] advised he tried to inform BANKS that the only purpose of bond was to assure the appearance of [ ] in court and that the amount of bond had been set due to the fact that [ ] is a local businessman, a family man, and a resident of Custer for many years.

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[ ] advised that BANKS then demanded that the charge be changed to murder and that the States Attorney should have [ ] arrested within one-half hour. [ ]

advised that he refused to do this in that [ ] had been properly charged but did promise BANKS that if new evidence should arise, which would show the charge of murder, he would consider issuing a warrant of arrest for murder and would have [ ] arrested.

[ ] stated that at this point BANKS began to speak of the white people getting off on lesser charges whereas Indian individuals are charged with more serious crime and are placed in jail. [ ] stated that BANKS had threatened him with his life by stating to [ ] "if I knew I would get the same sentence as [ ] I would have a knife in my hand in five minutes".

[ ] continued that the smaller Indian with the mike in his hand started to ask questions and at this point [ ] realized that it was becoming futile in an attempt to answer any of the questions presented by BANKS, MEANS, and the third Indian individual.

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[ ] stated that he did not see or did not know that MEANS had left the office in which the meeting was occurring until a fracas commenced outside of the office door. He stated that the next time he saw MEANS was when he, [ ], left the office and left the court house building by the back door and saw MEANS handcuffed and under arrest behind the court house building.

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[ ] stated that when the fracas occurred outside of the office, DENNIS BANKS, who now had a three-foot or longer stick in his hand, began breaking windows from inside the office building. [ ] stated that he left the office and the hearing with [ ]

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for Fall River County, Hot Springs, South Dakota, and went into the Auditor's Office which adjoined the office in which the meeting was taking place. [ ] stated that he closed the door because at this point, rocks and debris were coming into the court house building. [ ] stated that at this point he remembered that he had left the tape recorder in the meeting room, so he returned back into the room and retrieved his tape recorder, a camera belonging to [ ] and the [ ] file. He stated he then went out of the office and discovered smoke was coming from inside of the court house building at which time he left the court house building by the back door.

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[ ] stated that the meeting with the Indian leaders was attended by [ ] members of the various press from both local and national news agencies, and a representative of the Division of Criminal Investigation, South Dakota Attorney General's Office, and he believed a representative of the Custer County Sheriff's Office.

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[ ] advised that DENNIS BANKS, in addition to breaking out the windows, began beating on the office furniture and equipment inside of the office with the stick that he held in his hand.

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[ ] advised that he is charging MEANS with assault with a deadly weapon, felonious riot, and that he is charging [ ] with assaulting a police officer and felonious riot, and [ ] with assaulting a police officer, two counts, and felonious riot. [ ] said that these are the only warrants at the present time; however, he is anticipating issuing additional warrants in connection with persons involved in the rioting at Custer.

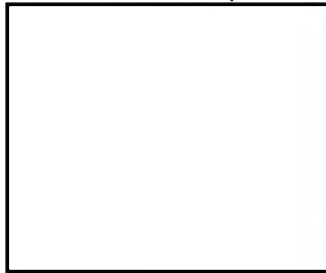
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Date of transcription February 17, 1973

[redacted] was interviewed at his office in Custer, South Dakota, and he advised that on February 8, 1973, he received a telephone call from a woman who stated that she was from the University of Utah. This woman asked him about several individuals whom she believed had travelled to Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973. She wanted to know if the following people had participated in the riot at Custer, and if these people needed counseling:

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[redacted] advised that he could not remember the woman's name. He advised that he told the woman that two of the individuals inquired about were arrested. These individuals were [redacted] told the interviewing agents that [redacted] were two of the four Indians who met with him on February 6, 1973, with MEANS and BANKS. [redacted] stated that [redacted] held the microphone during the conference.

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He also advised that Mayor GENE REECE of Custer, South Dakota, had received a telephone call from Congressman OWENS of Utah inquiring about the same people.

[redacted] also advised that two individuals in Custer at the time of the riot observed several Indians transferring firearms from a panel van with yellow and red sides into several Indian cars. These two individuals were [redacted] and [redacted] Both individuals are residents of Custer, South Dakota.

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SA [redacted]  
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Date dictated February 16, 1973b6  
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Date of transcription August 10, 1973

JOHN L. EVANS, Chief Deputy, Custer County Sheriff's Office, Custer, South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of the interviewing Agents furnished the following information:

EVANS advised that he was on official duty at the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

According to EVANS, he was working with [redacted] prior to and during the occupation of the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota. EVANS advised that he was present during the first assault by several Indians upon the Court House and then in addition, the final assault into the front door of the Court House.

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EVANS advised that he had personally seen RUSSELL MEANS outside and in the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973. While assisting with the arrest of individuals who had occupied the Custer County Court House he was personally present after Highway Patrolmen had arrested MEANS along with [redacted] in the Custer County Court House. According to EVANS, after MEANS had been arrested by the South Dakota Highway Patrolmen, he personally assisted one of the Highway Patrolmen with removing RUSSELL MEANS by way of the back door of the Court House to a designated area for transporting prisoners to a nearby jail facility.

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EVANS advised that he could identify [redacted] and RUSSELL MEANS if seen in person at a later date.

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During the interview 93 black and white photographs were shown to EVANS in attempt to identify individuals present at the occupation of the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

The following photographs were identified by EVANS as follows:

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Photograph #2, [redacted]  
Photograph #5, RUSSELL MEANS  
Photograph #6, [redacted]  
Photograph #7, [redacted]  
Photograph #9, [redacted]

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Photograph #10, [REDACTED]

Photograph #11, DENNIS BANKS

Photograph #14, (1) RUSSELL MEANS

Photograph #16, (1) RUSSELL MEANS, (2) [REDACTED]

Photograph #17, [REDACTED]

Photograph #20, [REDACTED]

Photograph #21, Identified vehicle depicted as owned and operated  
by [REDACTED]

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EVANS advised that he could personally identify all the above individuals named as depicted in photographs displayed.

EVANS advised that he would testify in court as to all the above information given in this interview.

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Date of transcription February 15, 1973

JOHN EVANS, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Custer County Sheriff's Office, Custer, South Dakota, upon interview, advised the following information.

During the course of the American Indian Movement (AIM) rioting in Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, an old white Dodge panel truck was parked near the curb on the west side of the Custer County Court House. This truck bore [ ] license [ ]

EVANS stated that the individuals in this truck were in the rioting with the AIM group and bad mouthed law enforcement officers, who were attempting to prevent any further destruction and burning of buildings in Custer, South Dakota. EVANS stated that as the riot subsided, he noticed that this group returned to the truck, so he proceeded to the truck in an attempt to identify these individuals. EVANS continued that when he went to the truck, he noticed AIM banners and signs pasted on the outside of this truck. EVANS stated that the following people were with this truck and claimed to be with the Cable News of Santa Fe, New Mexico:

[ ]  
Indian  
Cable News  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

[ ]  
Indian

[ ]  
Indian

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by SA [ ] mje Date dictated February 12, 1973

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[redacted]

(White)

[redacted]

[redacted]

(White)

[redacted]

[redacted]

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EVANS advised that in addition to the above Dodge panel truck that they were seen in near the rioting, the above group had a yellow Mazda vehicle, bearing [redacted] license [redacted]. EVANS stated this vehicle remained at the Custer Hotel, parked in the alley during the rioting. EVANS advised that on the afternoon of February 5 and also during the early morning of February 6, 1973, he observed this group coming in and out of one of the rooms of the Custer Hotel.

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Date of transcription June 10, 1974

JOHN EVANS, Chief Deputy, Custer County Sheriff's Office, Custer, South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of the interviewing Agent furnished the following information:

EVANS advised, after referring to his records, that both he and Sheriff ERNIE PEPIN on January 26, 1973, sometime after 10:37 a.m. observed a U-haul van with approximately 18 people contained in the van and another vehicle north bound on Highway 18 from Buffalo Gap.

EVANS stated that at approximately 10:37 a.m. on January 26, 1973, he had received a dispatch message from the Hot Springs Sheriff's Office, stating that one of their patrol units was following a U-haul van, extremely dirty, and unable to identify the license plate, and a 1970 Ford, dark green, bearing [redacted] license [redacted]. Both vehicles containing approximately eighteen people, presently leaving Buffalo Gap, South Dakota.

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According to EVANS, both he and the Sheriff went to the area of Buffalo Gap and observed the U-haul van and this vehicle north bound from Buffalo Gap and continued to follow both vehicles until they left Pennington County line. EVANS stated that he too was unable to obtain the license plate from the U-haul which bore the name U-haul van on the side and was orange and white in color.

EVANS stated that ERNIE PEPIN, the Sheriff, had been taking notes and to the best of his knowledge, could furnish additional information concerning their contact with the U-haul van.

During this interview, three photographs of the U-haul van, orange and white in color, bearing license 4Z9749 were displayed to EVANS. Upon viewing these photographs, EVANS stated that the vehicle resembled the U-haul van which he

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by SA [redacted] EC:klk Date dictated 6/4/74

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observed on January 26, 1973, and in addition stated that the U-haul van was much dirtier than the U-haul van depicted in these pictures.

A series of photographs containing the photographs of [REDACTED] were displayed to EVANS without effecting any identification.

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Date of transcription 2/21/73

[redacted] for the South Dakota Department of Motor Vehicles, Pierre, South Dakota, furnished the following information:

[redacted] has been a resident of the [redacted] area since 1947, and has worked as an [redacted] for the Department of Motor Vehicles since [redacted] resides at [redacted] was born [redacted] and has Social Security Account Number [redacted]

[redacted] was at the Custer County Court House (CCCH), Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, and furnished the following signed statement regarding the activity that took place on that date:

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"Rapid City, South Dakota  
February 20, 1973

"I, [redacted] for the South Dakota Department of Motor Vehicles, make the following statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

"On February 6, 1973, I was at the Custer County Court House (CCCH), Custer, South Dakota. The Department of Motor Vehicles maintains records at the CCCH and as I had learned that a demonstration was to be held at the CCCH on February 6, 1973, I was there to ensure that records of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) were not destroyed. I arrived at the CCCH at about 8:45 a.m., February 6, 1973, and between 8:45 a.m. and about 1:00 p.m. no demonstration took place.

"At approximately 1:00 p.m., four or five Indians had been allowed to enter the CCCH to confer with the States Attorney. I observed a large gathering of Indians in front of the CCCH,

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SA [redacted] and [redacted]  
SA [redacted] :sks

Date dictated 2/20/73



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estimated to be 150 in number. As the group in front was becoming restless, one of the Indians from inside the CCCH, believed to be the [redacted], went outside to calm the group. [redacted] returned inside the CCCH and the group dispersed for five or 10 minutes.

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"At this time, the group became restless again and again [redacted] returned to calm the group. [redacted] then said words to the effect that he was going back in to confer with the States Attorney, but better yet 'let's all go in' at that time the group came through the front doors of the CCCH.

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"During the ensuing disturbance, I observed several Indians striking and being hit as well as several law enforcement officers being hit and striking the Indians. Most of the South Dakota Highway Patrol Officers came into the CCCH through the back door which I opened for them.

"I have been shown a group of 60 photographs and identified the following as being involved in the disturbance that occurred at the CCCH on February 6, 1973. However, I am not able to provide any information regarding any specific incidents that these individuals may have been involved. These individuals are:

"Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) photograph number [redacted] is a photograph of [redacted] Pennington County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) photograph number [redacted] PCSO photograph number [redacted] PCSO photograph number [redacted] PCSO photograph number not listed of [redacted] dated February 6, 1973; PCSO photograph number [redacted] PCSO photograph number [redacted] PCSO photograph number [redacted] HCSO photograph number [redacted] PCSO photograph number [redacted]

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[redacted] PCSO photograph number [redacted]  
[redacted] PCSO photograph number [redacted]  
of [redacted] PCSO photograph number [redacted] dated  
February 15, 1959, of [redacted]

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"In addition I can provide specific information regarding the following listed individuals and their activities at the CCCH on February 6, 1973: PCSO number [redacted] is a photograph of [redacted] whom I observed remove a fire extinguisher from the wall of the CCCH and spray it on me and law enforcement officers inside the court house.

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"PCSO photograph number 11048 is a photograph of RUSSELL C. MEANS whom I observed inside the States Attorney's Office attending a meeting just before the disturbance broke out. MEANS appeared to me to either be drunk or drugged.

"PCSO photograph number [redacted] is a photograph of [redacted] whom I observed strike South Dakota State Trooper [redacted] on the head. I also helped Trooper [redacted] and Trooper [redacted] handcuff [redacted]

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"PCSO photograph number [redacted] whom I believe was present inside the States Attorney's Office CCCH just before the melee broke out. I did not observe [redacted] during the melee.

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"Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police Department number 47315 of DENNIS J. BANKS whom I observed inside the States Attorney's Office CCCH shortly before the melee broke out, but did not observe BANKS during the melee.

"Also during the disturbance, I observed a young Indian female that had been injured by a fire near the CCCH and South Dakota State Trooper

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[redacted] administered mouth-to-mouth respiration to her. I do not know her name, but could identify her from a photograph.

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"I have read this statement consisting of this and four other pages and now sign it as it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"Witness: [redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, South Dakota, February 20, 1973.

[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, South Dakota, February 20, 1973."

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/13/74

On May 8, 1974, [redacted] South Dakota State Probation Office, Department of Public Safety, Pierre, South Dakota, observed a group of six photographs and identified a photograph of [redacted] as having been at Custer, South Dakota, during the confrontation which occurred on February 6, 1973. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was in an American Indian Movement (AIM) crowd running around before the initial confrontation and [redacted] specifically remembers him being near the front of the group.

[redacted] initialed the back of three of the photographs which he could not identify and signed his signature to the back of two other photographs and the photograph of [redacted] which he identified as being in Custer, South Dakota. The other two photographs other than [redacted] were the photographs of [redacted] [redacted] date of birth [redacted] [redacted] date of birth [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] :sks Date dictated 5/10/74

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription August 10, 1973

ERNIE PEPIN, Sheriff, Custer County Sheriff's Office, subsequent to the identification of the interviewing Agent furnished the following information:






PEPIN advised that he was on official duty and was personally present at the occupation of the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

During this interview PEPIN furnished interviewing Agents a list of individuals arrested at the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973. In addition, PEPIN furnished the interviewing Agents a list of vehicles containing license plates which were present during the Custer County Court House occupation on February 6, 1973.

PEPIN stated that on February 6, 1973, while in front of the Custer County Court House, he had personally seen RUSSELL MEANS with other AIM members prior and during the occupation of the Court House. PEPIN stated that he observed MEANS come out of the Custer County Court House building by way of the front door and in a conversation with one of the Police Officers asked if he may step outside to consult other AIM members. According to PEPIN, MEANS again went back into the Court House and shortly thereafter, asked a second time to leave the Court House and talk with friends.

PEPIN stated that as he observed MEANS approach the front door of the Court House, MEANS turned to a group of individuals already present in front of the Court House and stated, "We're all going in." At this time, PEPIN advised this group entered by the front door and occupied the Custer County Court House, Custer County, South Dakota.

PEPIN was subsequently shown 93 black and white photographs at which time the following identification was made:

Photograph #5, RUSSELL MEANS  
 Photograph #6,   
 Photograph #7,   
 Photograph #8,   
 Photograph #9,   
 Photograph #10,   
 Photograph #11, DENNIS BANKS

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Photograph #15, (1) RUSSELL MEANS, (2) [REDACTED] (3) [REDACTED]

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Photograph #16, (1) RUSSELL MEANS, (2) [REDACTED]

Photograph #17, [REDACTED]

Photograph #18, [REDACTED]

Photograph #20, [REDACTED]

PEPIN stated upon completion of viewing all 93 photographs, that he could positively identify and state that all the above photograph identifications made by him were in and around Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

PEPIN advised that he would testify to all the above information furnished during this interview.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/12/73

ERNIE PEPIN, Sheriff, Custer County, Custer, South Dakota, was interviewed and he advised that several days before the incident on February 6, 1973, he was telephonically contacted by RUSSELL MEANS who advised him that several members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) were coming to Custer to talk to him, PEPIN, and the States Attorney about changing the charges on [redacted] from manslaughter to murder.

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PEPIN stated that on the day of the incident, February 6, 1973, he would estimate approximately 200 people were involved in the disturbance. PEPIN advised he was west of the Court House with South Dakota Highway Patrolmen when the semi-trailer tank truck was stopped. PEPIN stated he could positively identify DENNIS BANKS as being on the running board of the truck during the incident. PEPIN was exhibited two photographs of a semi-trailer truck which were taken by [redacted] on February 6, 1973.

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The first photograph depicted a blue and white semi-trailer fuel truck with the driver's door open and numerous individuals standing on the ground around the truck and several individuals standing near the driver's door. The second photograph depicted a blue and white semi-trailer fuel truck with the driver's door open and one individual in a brown checkered coat and tan pants standing on the ground near the open door of the truck.

PEPIN positively identified the individual in photograph one who is identified with an arrow and the number "1" as being [redacted]. PEPIN positively identified the individual in photograph one who is identified with an arrow and the number "2" as being DENNIS BANKS. PEPIN stated even though the photograph is not sharp and clear, he is familiar enough with DENNIS BANKS and [redacted] to be able to positively identify them from this photograph. PEPIN identified the individual depicted by an arrow in photograph number two as being [redacted].

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/10/73

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/12/73

ERNIE PEPIN, Sheriff, Custer County, Custer, South Dakota, upon interview, advised the following information:

PEPIN stated that at 12:10 a.m. on February 7, 1973, a young woman's voice telephonically contacted the Sheriff's Office and gave the following message:

"I have a message. Do you know the Black Panther Party?" "Yes". "Well we're in California and we're coming down and going to blast you off the face of the earth. We're all part Indian." PEPIN stated that at this point, the caller then hung up the receiver.

PEPIN advised that he has no idea who the caller was other than it sounded like a young woman's voice and he cannot be sure whether it was a call made within the state or from the state of California as indicated in the message above.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/2/73

ERNIE PEPIN, Sheriff, Custer County Sheriff's Office, provided a list of individuals arrested at the Custer County Courthouse, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, and a list of vehicles present during the Custer Courthouse occupation as follows:

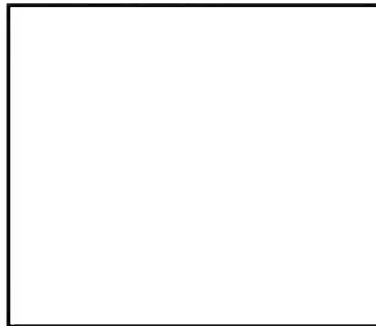
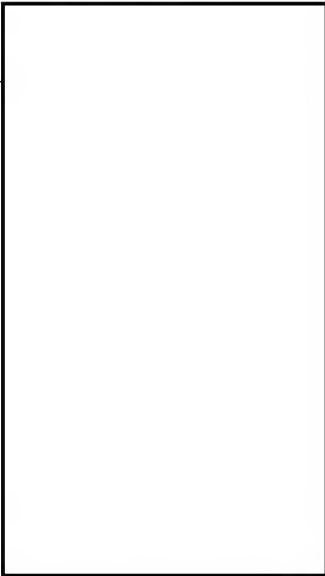
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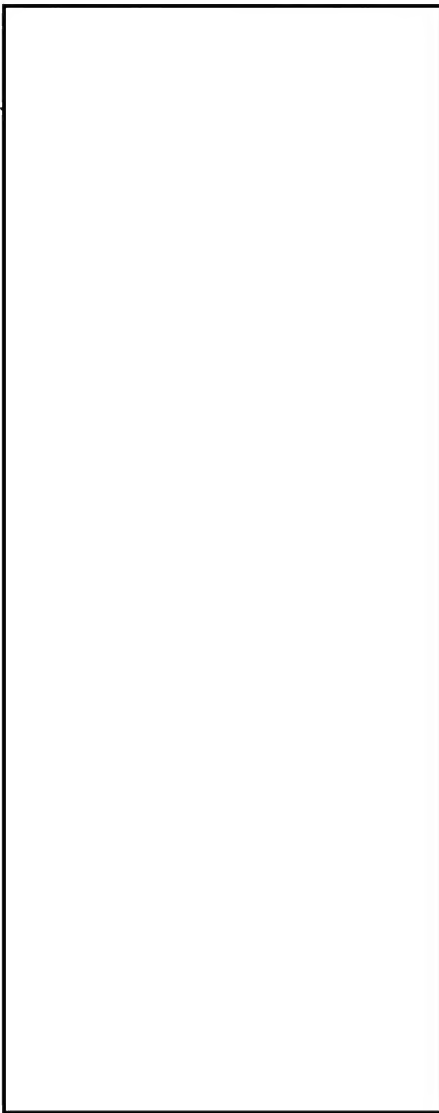


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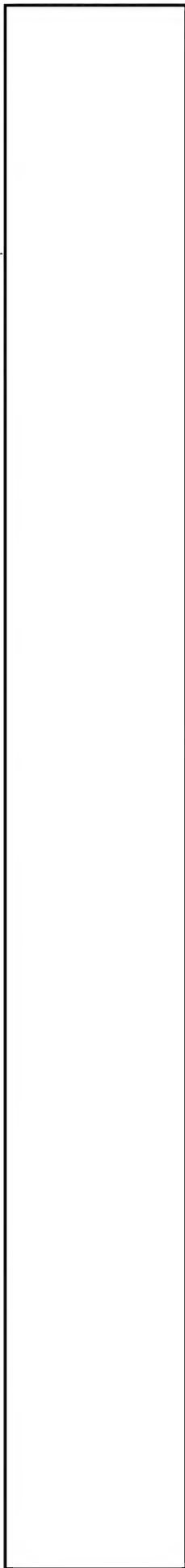
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DENNIS BANKS



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IDENTIFICATION



<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
1963	Cadillac	
1970	Chevrolet	
	Dodge	
	Buick	Red/White
1972	Chevrolet Pickup	Olive
1966	Ford Mustang	Burnt Orange
1970	Chevy Camaro	Blue
	U-Haul Truck	ADN poster in windshield
1972	Ford Pickup	Black One of the Means
1970	Ford	Blue 
1968	Ford Tudor	
	Ford	Blue
1960	Chevrolet Fordor	
1971	Plymouth Sta Wgn	
	Ford Torino	
		Yellow with Black Stripes
	Chevrolet	Yellow
1957	Chevrolet	Black
	Sta Wgn	Green
	Sta Wgn	Red
	Black	

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
1972	Chevrolet	Black
1968 Model	Comet	Tan ... 2 firm bumpers in each one
	Chevrolet	Green
1969	Ford	

1967	Dodge	Yellow
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	Pontiac	Blue
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	Ford	Black
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1968	Chevrolet Blaup	Lt. Green
	Pickup & U-Haul Trailer	

1970	Volkswagen Van	Red & White
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1964	Chevrolet Border	
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	Dodge	Brown
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1960	Mercury Monterey	
	Ford	

1963	Chevrolet Belair	Blue
	Ford	

1965	Chevrolet I. Dr	Dark Blue
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription September 28, 1973

ERNEST PEPIN, Sheriff, Custer County, Custer, South Dakota, viewed the CBS News Films, Reel A on September 19, 1973, at Custer, South Dakota, and identified the photograph of the individual designated as 73-D as being  a Canadian Sioux.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 15, 1973

[redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City, South Dakota, upon interview, advised of the following information:

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[redacted] stated that he was one of three highway patrolmen who were stationed on the front steps leading to the door of the Custer County Courthouse, Custer, South Dakota.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted], both Patrolmen, South Dakota Highway Patrol, were with him on the front steps of the Custer County Courthouse. [redacted] advised that he was in the middle of the three highway patrolmen and was there to protect county property in the event that there was any demonstration in connection with the hearings requested by American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders and the Custer County State's Attorney. [redacted] advised that at approximately 1:45 p.m. on February 6, 1973, a large vehicular caravan arrived in front of the Custer County Courthouse and from the vehicles, exited a large number of Indian males, females, and younger Indian people, who then gathered in front of and on the steps of the Custer County Courthouse. [redacted] advised that he observed many AIM banners and flags among the group. [redacted] advised that this group was met by Sheriff ERNIE PEPIN of the Custer County Sheriff's Office, upon which the leaders requested to talk with the Custer County State's Attorney. He stated four Indian males came from the front of the group and entered the Courthouse to speak with the State's Attorney.

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[redacted] advised that shortly after these four Indian males went into the Courthouse, a woman kept coming up to him, followed by a majority of the crowd that had gathered. He advised that he told this woman and the rest of the crowd to stand back and that he tried to reason with her; however, she kept insisting that her son was inside and had been taken prisoner.

[redacted] advised that this woman identified herself as [redacted]

[redacted] continued that this woman was intoxicated;

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and as she kept talking, the crowd began to support her and began pushing her toward the three highway patrolmen stationed at the front door of the County Courthouse. [ ] stated that he felt that if the woman was allowed inside the door, there was the possibility that the crowd tension would relax; therefore, he allowed the woman to go into the County Courthouse. [ ] advised that in his opinion, [ ] was being used as a shield by an Indian male, who identified himself as [ ]

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[ ] continued that [ ] grabbed [ ] and himself and started pushing both of them to the bottom of the stairs. [ ] continued that, as he went down to help [ ] up, someone took his helmet off, took his night stick away from him and then he was thrown over the top of an automobile. [ ] continued that [ ] came to his aid; and while [ ] was helping him, someone hit him with a chain. Then he noticed that someone who was carrying the AIM flag, which had a spear-like device on the end of it, was coming at him in an attempt to stab him. [ ] stated that he warded off the flag; however, the spear went through his hand and it then hit him on the cheek near the left eye, inflicting a wound in the cheek. [ ] continued that [ ] then came back with [ ] and he placed [ ] under arrest for Assaulting An Officer.

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[ ] said then he took Patrolman [ ] and [ ] both South Dakota Highway Patrolmen who had been injured, to the hospital in Custer, South Dakota for treatment of injuries received. [ ] also advised that they took [ ] in custody and took him to the hospital, as he was bleeding from the head.

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[ ] advised that he has two stitches in his forehead near the hairline, a bruised arm where the chain hit him in the arm, and a puncture wound in his left hand and a cut underneath the left eye.

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[redacted] advised that there is no question in his mind but that it was [redacted] who assaulted Patrolman [redacted] and himself on the steps of the courthouse, Custer, South Dakota. [redacted] advised he had no idea who it was that picked him up and threw him over the car, as there were so many people involved in the demonstration.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/20/73

[redacted] South Dakota State Highway Patrolman, with the rank of [redacted] was interviewed at the headquarters of the State Highway Patrol, 702 East North Street, regarding his involvement in the disturbance at the Custer County Court House at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

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[redacted] proceeded to give the following statement:

"February 20, 1973  
Rapid City, South Dakota

"I, [redacted], make the following statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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"I am a South Dakota State Highway Patrolman with the rank of [redacted] I have been with the South Dakota Patrol since [redacted] and am presently stationed at Rapid City, South Dakota.

"On February 6, 1973, at approximately 1:30 p.m., I arrived at the Custer County Court House in response to a call for help from the Sheriff's Office in Custer, South Dakota, to help reinforce their department involving a disturbance there. I received a call from [redacted] that he needed help at the County Court House. I then responded there and entered the rear entrance of the court house and started down the hall toward the front of the court house where I saw DENNIS BANKS breaking out windows in one of the side rooms of the court house. I then proceeded to the front steps of the court house to help hold a crowd back. A female was on the steps of the court house and she stated that she had to get in because her two sons were inside, she was told that she couldn't enter and at this time a male grabbed her by the arm and he stated that they were coming

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through or they (the police) would have to kill them both. At this point the entire crowd started forward and a few canisters of gas were thrown at the crowd in an attempt to disperse them. No weapons were used during the entire disturbance but night sticks were used by me and other officers. I attempted to go into the crowd to break them up and I received a chain wrap around my right wrist and I lost my night stick and somehow lost my helmet. I was poked in the face with a stick and hit over the head with a section of pipe just after losing my helmet.

"I was exhibited 60 photographs from which I identified the following four individuals as being at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973: Photo number [redacted] Pennington County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), Rapid City, South Dakota. This is a photo of [redacted] whom I observed at the court house but have no information regarding his involvement, if any, in the disturbance that occured that day.

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"PCSO Number 11048 is a photograph of RUSSELL C. MEANS, whom I observed in the hallway of the Custer County Court House in custody of law enforcement officers being removed from the building. However, his exact activities on that date are not known to me.

"PCSO photo number [redacted] is a photograph of [redacted] I observed [redacted] scuffling with law enforcement officers on February 6, 1973 and I believe he had a flag staff in his possession. I did not actually observe him strike an officer or damage and property.

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"Minneapolis Police Department Photo Number 47315 of DENNIS J. BANKS. I observed BANKS on February 6, 1973 breaking out windows inside the Custer County Court House with a riot stick, similar to the type issued to officers of the

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"PCSO photo number [redacted]

[redacted] I am almost positive that this is the individual who struck me on the right wrist with a length of chain while on duty at the Custer County Court House on February 6, 1973.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and two additional pages and have initialed each page and now sign it because it is true.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"Witness: [redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City,  
South Dakota, February 20, 1973.

[redacted] SA, FBI, Rapid City, South  
Dakota, February 20, 1973."

STATEMENTS OF  
DRIVER OF TRUCK

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/15/73

[redacted] driver for Dixon Brothers, New Castle Wyoming on February 9, 1973, telephonically furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that on February 6, 1973, he had loaded his fuel tank trailer with fuel oil at their refinery located in New Castle, Wyoming. He stated he left New Castle Wyoming and proceeded on Highway 16, arriving in Custer, South Dakota at approximately 2:30 p.m. He stated that this is his normal route from New Castle into South Dakota to make deliveries into the southern hills region of South Dakota. [redacted] advised that as he approached the intersection near the Custer County Courthouse, he saw a lot of people in the street and it appeared to him that they were demonstrating. [redacted] advised that he reached over and locked the passenger side door of the truck and thought that he had locked the driver's side door of the vehicle. He stated that he was proceeding through the main street of Custer at a slow rate of speed as he was approaching a group of people that were standing in the middle of the street.

[redacted] continued that as he reached the above-described intersection, a bunch of Indians held up their hands in a fashion signaling him to stop. Since these people refused to move, he was forced to stop. [redacted] stated that after stopping, someone hit the door on the passenger side and the man who did the hitting appeared to have fallen down to the ground. About this time, his door on his side of the vehicle was opened and one of the demonstrators tried to get into the cab and in doing so, told him, "drive this damned thing up there", and pointing to a group of law enforcement officers near the courthouse.

[redacted] advised that this man had on a checkered jacket, was wearing blue pants like blue jeans, had long sideburns, braided hair, and was wearing a headband made of beads around his head. He weighed approximately 175 pounds and was 5' 10" tall.

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MP 157-1460

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[ ] advised that about 4 or 5 Indians all appeared at the driver's side door. However, he recalls that one of them was about 1/2 white, being a big man about 200 pounds, 30 - 35 years of age whose hair was brown and cut orderly and had a shirt-type jacket as an outer garment. This man was most persistent that the truck was not going anywhere. [ ] stated that he was scared and was afraid of his life in view of the action taken by the men who attempted to get into the cab of the truck.

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[ ] advised that one of the men in the group that initially stopped the truck reminded him of the band leader, MITCH MILLER in that his face contained a MITCH MILLER-type of beard.

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[ ] advised that one of the 4 or 5 Indians who appeared at his door grabbed his arm and was trying to pull him out of the cab of the tractor.

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[ ] stated that the man who told him to drive up to the group of law enforcement officers had long hair, was in his late 20's or early 30's and was definitely an Indian.

[ ] felt that this group wanted to set the tanker on fire, as evident by the fact that after he left the Custer area, he checked the gate valves on the tanker and found that two of them were halfway open. [ ] stated that he did not see anyone turn these valves and advised that he would not under the circumstances be in a position to observe anyone turning on these valves. He did state that he saw one of the Indian males holding a cigarette lighter, attempting to light the lighter.

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[ ] stated that he had loaded the vehicle in New Castle, Wyoming and was on his way to the Stoddard Lumber Company in Hill City, South Dakota to deliver fuel oil to that concern. He said that after being stopped and the Indians attempting forcing him out of the cab of the tractor, one of the South Dakota highway patrolmen came to his aid and as he approached the tractor, the Indians backed away from the tractor trailer.

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[ ] stated that at this point he proceeded to drive [ ] the tractor for [ ] and [ ] toward Hill City. [ ] stated that when he came to the traffic light on the main street in Custer, a light

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colored pickup truck bearing an Oklahoma license and being driven by a single Indian was in front of him and he blew the airhorn at this driver to get him out of the way so that he could get out of Custer.

[ ] advised that although he did not see this, he was informed that some of the Indians had gotten on top of the tanker, and if they would have been successful in opening up the covers, could have easily exploded the tanker by igniting it and probably losing their lives in the ignition of the tank.

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[ ] stated that in the group of 4 - 5 Indians who approached the driver's side of the door, he noted that one of the Indian males had a revolver tucked in his waistband and that this weapon had a wooden handle. He stated he did not know what size or caliber this weapon was as he could only see the wooden handle.

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[ ] concluded that he was sure that he could identify some of the individuals who stopped the tractor trailer and who attempted to take over the tractor and trailer.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/16/73

[redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

He is [redacted] years of age and resides at [redacted]. His telephone number is [redacted]. He has been employed as a truck driver for Dixon Brothers, Inc. General Trucking, for the past [redacted]. He drives a semi tanker truck and hauls light oil products, that is diesel oil, gasoline, or clean oil products. Some days he drives to Denver and comes back the following day. Some days he makes 2 trips to South Dakota.

On February 6, 1973, he was scheduled to haul a load of furnace oil for the Stoddard Lumber Company, which is located 3 miles east of Hill City, South Dakota. He left Newcastle, Wyoming, at about 1:40 p.m. and drove to Custer, South Dakota. He was stopped in front of the courthouse in Custer, where there was a large group of Indians in the middle of the road. He had observed this apparent disturbance about a block before he arrived there and reached over and locked both doors. Apparently he had failed to totally lock the driver's door. He was traveling alone.

After he was stopped in front of the courthouse his door was opened by about three men trying to get into the truck. One man grabbed him by the arm and said, "You're not going anywhere." This man was pushed aside and another man climbed up alongside of him and said, "Drive his son of a bitch up there," pointing toward where a congregation of law enforcement was.

[redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted] as the man giving him this direction. [redacted] was apparently pushed out of the truck and another man came up and tried to pull [redacted] out of the truck. [redacted] recalled observing a law enforcement officer approaching from the front with a riot gun or a shotgun about this time, and he believes the gun was fired in the air. One Indian hung onto his arm and the door and said, "You're not going anywhere." After a brief struggle [redacted] dislodged this man and got the door closed and locked. He was able to get the truck started and drove onto the intersection where a pickup was parked crosswise. He kept his truck

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moving and the pickup got out of the way. He said that he had no intention of stopping again until he got out of Custer. [redacted] advised that he is somewhat confused as to the details of what occurred because of the confusing activity and also being frightened. He reviewed a group of photographs of the following individuals.

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1. RUSSELL C. MEANS, Pennington County SO #11048, taken 2/6/73
2. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 8/25/72
3. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 2/6/73
4. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 2/6/73
5. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 12/19/67
6. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 2/6/73
7. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 2/6/73
8. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 3/25/73
9. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 2/6/73
10. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 6/31/71
11. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 2/6/73
12. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 2/6/73
13. [redacted] Pennington County SO [redacted] taken 2/6/73

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14. [redacted] Pennington County  
SO [redacted] taken 2/7/73
15. [redacted] Pennington County  
SO number unknown
16. [redacted] Pennington County  
SO [redacted] taken 8/18/69
17. [redacted] Pennington County  
SO [redacted] taken 8/18/69
18. [redacted] Pennington County  
SO [redacted] taken 6/22/72
19. [redacted] Pennington County  
SO [redacted] taken 8/6/62
20. [redacted] Pennington County  
SO [redacted] taken 9/27/72
21. RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, Hennepin County  
SO #18791, taken 9/9/70
22. [redacted] born [redacted]  
Hennepin County SO [redacted], taken 6/16/72
23. DENNIS JAMES BANKS, Hennepin County  
SO #16816, taken 9/4/71

[redacted] advised the photograph of DENNIS BANKS, Hennepin County SO #16816, taken 9/4/71, was one of the men in front of the truck which had caused him to stop. He said that BANKS was standing with his hands up in the air "right under the bulldog." He explained that this was directly in front of the truck. [redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted] Hennepin County SO [redacted] taken 6/16/72 as being in the group around the truck. He could not be sure where [redacted] was and does not recall any specific activity on [redacted] part. [redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted] as walking around to the left side of his truck with what appeared to be a grenade in his hand. He said this may have been a smoke bomb and he recalled that the triggering device was apparently on the top. He recalled that [redacted] threw this grenade at a patrolman who scooped it up and threw it back toward the left rear of the truck.

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[ ] could not recall seeing anyone up on the truck trailer when he was driving away. He advised that one [ ] who operates the Phillips 66 Station at the west end of Custer, near Highways 16 and 385, told him that there were men on the back of his truck when he started to leave Custer.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/13/73

[redacted] Truck Driver, Dixon Brothers, Incorporated, was contacted at Rapid City, South Dakota, and was exhibited two photographs which were taken by [redacted] of Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

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The first photograph depicted a blue and white semi-trailer fuel truck with the driver's door open and numerous individuals standing on the ground around the truck and several individuals standing near or in the driver's door. The second photograph depicted a blue and white semi-trailer fuel truck with the driver's door open and one individual in a brown checkered coat and tan pants standing on the ground near the open door of the truck.

[redacted] stated that these photographs were photographs of the 1957 Mack truck and trailer which he was driving through Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973. [redacted] further stated the photographs depicted the incident in which his truck was stopped and several individuals attempted to take over his truck.

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[redacted] advised that due to lack of clarity in photograph one, he could not identify anyone. [redacted] stated that the individual in the brown checkered coat in photograph two had grabbed his hand and tried to pull him from the truck toward the end of the incident.

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[redacted] was exhibited photographs of the following individuals and was unable to affect any identifications:

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RUSSELL MEANS



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MP 176-139  
by SA [redacted] sks Date dictated 9/11/73

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**WITNESSES IDENTIFYING PERSONS  
PARTICIPATING IN ASSAULT ON TRUCK**

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/18/73

[redacted] Trooper, South Dakota State Highway Patrol, Sturgis, South Dakota, [redacted] years of age, [redacted] who has been a trooper for [redacted] provided the following information concerning the disturbance at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, involving members of the American Indian Movement:

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Trooper [redacted] was on routine patrol west of Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, accompanied by [redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrol, Belle Fourche, South Dakota, when he received a radio call from [redacted] DCI, advising that there was trouble at the Custer Court House.

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[redacted] arrived behind the Custer Court House at approximately 2:00 p.m., February 6, 1973, and observed law enforcement officers were going in the back door of the court house wearing helmets. [redacted] took a riot stick from a Deputy Sheriff who was standing at the back door and entered the Court House at the time officers were removing South Dakota Highway Patrol Officer [redacted] in a badly injured condition.

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Upon entering the Court House, Trooper [redacted] heard the "sounds of battle." [redacted] went to the front of the Court House and observed an Indian fighting with a law enforcement officer. The Indian had a chain and was about to strike the officer. [redacted] struck the Indian with his riot stick and the Indian fell to the floor, appearing to be unconscious. [redacted] was unable to recognize the law enforcement officer because he was wearing a face riot shield. [redacted] stated he would be able to recognize a photograph of the Indian he struck with the riot stick.

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Mace was then used by the law enforcement officers present to clear the court house. All the Indian present exited the court house through the front door but Mr. BANKS went in the doorway to the States Attorney's Office. As [redacted] approached the door BANKS swung a chair through the door opening, striking [redacted] on the back. The chair hit [redacted] on the back, as [redacted] saw the chair coming and turned away to protect himself. [redacted] waited outside the door for a moment and when BANKS did not come out, [redacted] entered the room and discovered BANKS had apparently crawled out the office window.

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At this point, 6 or 7 law enforcement officers went out on the front steps of the court house to prevent the Indians from entering the building again. The Indians were throwing objects at the officers and shouting obscenities at them.

[redacted] emerged from the crowd at the foot of the steps and started tugging at South Dakota Highway Patrolman [redacted] Hot Springs, South Dakota. She yelled at [redacted] substantially as follows: "Go ahead you sons of bitches kill me; you've killed my son." [redacted] tried to calm her down, but two Indian men dragged him down the steps into the crowd and began to beat him.

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[redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City, went to [redacted] assistance. [redacted] was then able to escape, however, [redacted] could not get away and [redacted] struck [redacted] with a piece of metal pipe. [redacted] then struck [redacted] with his riot stick, dazing him and causing [redacted] to drop the pipe. The crowd of Indians then backed away from [redacted] revealing that [redacted] was cut and had lost some of his official equipment. [redacted] was removed from the scene and [redacted] arrested [redacted], charging him orally with assault of an officer. [redacted] then advised [redacted] of his rights and at this time they were photographed by a "Rapid City Journal" photographer.

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All the law enforcement officers present then began to arrest everyone that was milling around in the street by the Court House who were believed responsible for the riot that had taken place. At this point the Chamber of Commerce Building was already burning and the Bulk Plant had been torched and then that fire extinguished.

[redacted] identified several photographs of Indians displayed to him by [redacted] at Hot Springs, South Dakota, as being present at Custer during the riot on February 6, 1973.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/21/73

[redacted] South Dakota State Patrolman, assigned to Sturgis, South Dakota, furnished the following signed statement to [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning his involvement in the disturbances in Custer, South Dakota on February 6, 1973: b6 b7C

"2/20/73

"I [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] Special Agents of the FBI. b6 b7C

"I am a South Dakota State Highway Patrolman, serving in that capacity since [redacted]. On February 6, 1973, I was on Highway 16 west of Custer, South Dakota, with [redacted]. At approximately 1:30 p.m., we were directed by radio to respond to the Custer County Court House. We pulled in behind the Court House, where I put on my helmet, and proceeded into the Court House. As I entered, [redacted] was coming out of the building, and was bleeding profusely from the head. I then grabbed a riot club from one of the deputy sheriff's, and went to the assistance of my fellow officers who were being assaulted. While in front of the Court House I observed [redacted] assault [redacted] grappling with [redacted] a state trooper. In addition, I observed [redacted] fighting with Highway Patrol Officers, and [redacted] DENNIS J. BANKS, and [redacted] also in the immediate area, of the hallway.

"After we were able to clear the Court House, I did observe several Indians stop a gasoline tank, at the intersection at the southwest corner of the court house. They were attempting to remove the driver of the truck. Trooper [redacted] fired tear gas round under the truck and it dispersed the Indians. I cannot identify any of the Indians who stopped the truck. b6 b7C

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one additional page, and sign it because it is true and correct.

"s/ [redacted] SDHP

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"Witnessed:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Mpls, 2/20/73."

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/30/73

[redacted] Patrolman, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City, South Dakota, address [redacted] was interviewed and advised that on February 6, 1973, he was on duty in Custer, South Dakota, during the civil disorder.

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[redacted] advised that after the Court House was set on fire, he and several other patrolmen were stationed on the west side of the Court House. [redacted] stated he observed a semi-trailer tank truck being stopped by several Indian males at the intersection on the Main Street, southwest of the Court House. He stated he then observed an Indian male in a blue parka on the running board on the driver's side of the truck. [redacted] stated the driver's door was open but he did not see who opened the door. [redacted] advised the Indian male on the running board appeared to be struggling with the driver. He stated at one time during this struggling he thought he observed an Indian in the driver's seat.

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[redacted] advised at this point Patrolman [redacted] fired a tear gas projectile underneath the truck and the Indians got away from the truck.

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[redacted] stated that during the incident, he did not know the identity of the Indian male in the blue parka who was on the running board of the truck. He advised that subsequent to the incident, he has had occasion to have personal contact and observe photographs of this Indian male and [redacted] stated the Indian male who was on the running board on the truck on February 6, 1973, at Custer, South Dakota, is an individual he now knows as DENNIS BANKS.

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Interviewed on 8/22/73 at Custer, South Dakota File # MP 176-139  
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/26/73

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 28, 1974

On February 15, 1974, Patrolman [redacted] observed a group of six photographs and identified one of the photographs as [redacted]. He initialed and dated the five photographs in the group which he could not identify and signed his signature and dated the back of the photograph of [redacted]. He furnished the following information concerning [redacted].

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He observed [redacted] at Custer during the confrontation on February 6, 1973, and believes that [redacted] was holding a stick of some kind. He advised that [redacted] was in the forefront of the action all of the time and specifically remembers that he was standing near the Custer Courthouse at the time that a Model .870 Remington shotgun was taken from a Custer County Sheriff's Car at which time the American Indian Movement participants formed a scrimmage line in front of the Law Enforcement Office. [redacted] was in the above line, very close to the Indian who was holding the shotgun.

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Interviewed on 2/15/74 at Sturgis, South Dakota File # MP 176-140

by [redacted] Date dictated 2/15/74

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 20, 1973

On February 20, 1973, Patrolman [ ] South Dakota Highway Patrol, was interviewed at Highway Patrol Headquarters at Rapid City, South Dakota, and provided the following information:

[ ] said he is [ ] years of age and has been on the Highway Patrol for a period of [ ] having been assigned in [ ] Prior to this date, he was employed as a police officer on the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Police Department.

On February 6, 1973, while on duty at the Custer, South Dakota, Court House, his unit was called temporarily away from the courthouse on a disturbance call at the Gambles Clothing Store. According to [ ] he and eight other highway patrolmen left the area of the courthouse and proceeded to go to the Gambles Store, which call turned out to have been a hoax as no looting was taking place. He returned to the area of the courthouse at which time an altercation between police officers and Indians had already taken place. According to [ ] he and the other men with him went in the back door of the courthouse and proceeded to force the remaining Indians out of the courthouse itself.

[ ] advised that he was not personally assaulted and that he did not actually witness any assaults on highway patrol officers in that he and another officer, Patrolman [ ] were in the process of taking an Indian out of the courthouse to the rear.

[ ] further stated that he thought this Indian to be one RUSSELL MEANS, Pennington County Sheriff's Office number 11048, who might be the individual that he and Officer [ ] picked up from the courthouse and removed to the rear.

Officer [ ] could not make a positive identification of MEANS but advised that a civilian who was present during the altercation told him, meaning [ ] later that he, meaning the civilian, saw [ ] and Officer [ ] pick up RUSSELL MEANS and take him out of the courthouse into the rear.

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[ ] further advised that he wished to make known that he and several other Highway Patrol Officers were witnesses to the following incident.

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A gasoline tank truck, he thought to be Dixon Brothers, blue and white in color, was stopped by a group of Indians who attempted to assault the driver, take over the vehicle and open the gas tanks. [ ] further stated that he noticed other Indians milling around the truck but they were dispersed by a Highway Patrol Officer named [ ] who fired a tear gas projectile in their direction. He said he could identify the individual who attempted to assault the driver as one DENNIS J. BANKS, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Police Department number 47315, and [ ] stated he was positive of the identification of BANKS in that he had noticed BANKS walking up and down prior to the incident wearing conspicuous clothing. [ ] stated that [ ] could positively identify the individual in the truck.

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In conclusion, [ ] stated he could not identify any of the individuals in the photographs in that he was not at the courthouse proper during the confrontation.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/20/73

[redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrolman, furnished the following statement regarding his involvement in the disturbance at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973:

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"February 20, 1973

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am a South Dakota State Highway Patrolman, stationed at Rapid City, South Dakota, since [redacted]

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"On February 6, 1973, I was about five miles west of Custer, South Dakota, on Highway 16 with Trooper [redacted]. At approximately 1:30 p.m. we were directed by radio to proceed to the Custer County Court House. We were the second unit to arrive on the scene, and we parked in back of the court house, went inside, and upstairs. A crowd had gathered, but at this point had not attempted to enter the building. Several minutes later, I looked out back and observed several South Dakota Highway Patrol vehicles, so we went down stairs where the Captain followed us up and we entered the lobby of the court house. As [redacted] entered, I heard glass breaking, and observed Indians begin to assault the highway patrolman on the front line. With all of the confusion, I am unable to identify any of the Indians involved in the fighting in the court house.

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"After the court house was cleared, I observed DENNIS BANKS stop a gasoline tanker truck in the intersection just southwest of the court house. He got up on the running board of the truck and appeared to be talking to the driver. The driver started to get out of the truck, and

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SA [redacted] and [redacted]  
SA [redacted] [redacted] 2/21/73

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Trooper [ ] fired a tear gas round under the truck, which dispersed several Indians. Some of them remained around the truck, so several shots were fired in the air by troopers, which dispersed the rest of the Indians.

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"Although I did not see any of them strike any blows, I did observe RUSSELL MEANS, [ ] in the area of the court house during the altercation.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one additional page and signed it because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [ ] February  
20, 1973

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"Witnessed: [ ] Special Agent,  
FBI, Minneapolis, February 20, 1973.

"Witnessed: [ ] FBI, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota, February 20, 1973."

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 28, 1974

On February 14, 1974, [ ] Patrolman, South Dakota Highway Patrol, observed a group of six photographs and identified a photograph of [ ] as having been at Custer, South Dakota, during the confrontation which occurred on February 6, 1973. [ ] advised that [ ] was in the American Indian Movement crowd running around before the initial confrontation and specifically remembers seeing him in Judy's Restaurant with two other Indians. [ ] advised that he is not sure if [ ] was armed or not.

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[ ] initialed the back of the five photographs which he could not identify and signed his signature to the back of the photograph of [ ]

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by SA [ ] NBN/ami Date dictated 3/21/74

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 9, 1973

[ ] Patrolman, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City, South Dakota, upon interview advised the following information:

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On February 6, 1973, he was assigned to the interior of the Custer County Court House, located in Custer, South Dakota, to assure that no harm would come to the South Dakota State's attorneys who were in an office and about to meet with representatives of the American Indian Movement who had gathered outside the court house building. [ ] advised that approximately four members of the American Indian Movement were allowed inside the door of the court house and went into the office where the state's attorney had set up an office to have a conference with the American Indian Movement leaders. [ ] said that the next thing he knew, the front door of the court house was forced open by the group of Indians who were on the outside of the building and some Indian, whom he described as being in dark-colored pants and matching jacket wearing long braids and a feather and having a buckskin jacket on, said, "Get them." [ ] stated then the crowd came inside the court house, knocked him down, and when he tried to get up he was hit with a night stick. [ ] stated that the night stick is similar to those issued to the highway patrolmen and he felt the night stick had been taken away from one of his fellow patrolmen on the outside of the court house. [ ] advised that someone swung at him with a heavy weapon which dented his protective helmet and then while he was down, he was kicked and stomped receiving bruises about his body.

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[ ] advised that BANKS, during the demonstration, stopped a large gasoline fuel tanker belonging to RUAN's and tried to pull the driver out of the cab of the tractor. [ ] advised that patrolmen from the South Dakota Highway Patrol came to the aid and got the tanker out of Custer, South Dakota. He advised this incident occurred approximately one block from the front entrance of the court house. [ ] advised that this tanker came from New Castle, Wyoming, and as a result of this, they ordered all other tankers to remain in New Castle until after the demonstration was over.

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by SA [ ] mlf Date dictated February 6, 1973

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/24/73

[redacted] State Highway Patrolman assigned to the Rapid City area since [redacted] furnished the following signed statement regarding his involvement in the disturbance at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973:

"February 21, 1973  
Rapid City, S. Dakota

"I, [redacted] Patrolman for the South Dakota Highway Patrol, have been provided a group of 60 photographs by [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been a Patrolman since [redacted] assigned to the Rapid City, South Dakota area.

"From the photos shown to me I can provide the following information regarding incidents that occurred at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, Pennington County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) photograph number 11048 of RUSSELL C. MEANS who I saw come out of the States Attorneys Office in the Custer County Courthouse (CCCH) just before the melee broke out and he went to the front door of the CCCH and he told the Indians in front of the CCCH "Everybody in." He then came back inside the court house swinging with the rest of the Indians. PCSO photograph number [redacted] who I noticed in the crowd of Indians at the CCCH who was involved in the general beating and destruction I can recall no specific incident in which [redacted] was involved. Minneapolis, Minnesota Police Department photograph number 47315 of DENNIS J. BANKS who I saw inside the States Attorneys Office at the CCCH just before the melee broke out and I again saw him in front of the CCCH attempting to drag the driver of a Ruan Transport gasoline truck out of the cab after a group of Indians had stopped the truck.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] JFS:mjt Date dictated 2/24/73

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one other page and I have initialed each page and now sign it because it is true.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA, FBI, Rapid City, SD. 2/21/73

[REDACTED] SA, FBI, Rapid City, S.D. 2/21/73

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MP 149-427

ERNIE PEPPIN, Sheriff, Custer County, South Dakota, during interview of September 8, 1973, identified DENNIS BANKS as being on the running board of the truck. This interview is reported earlier in this report under the heading "Persons Identifying BANKS as Acting in Leadership Capacity During Riot at Custer, South Dakota".

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 21, 1973

[redacted] South Dakota State Highway Patrolman, [redacted] District 5, Rapid City, South Dakota, furnished the following signed statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning his involvement in the disturbances at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

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"2/20/73

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] Agents of the FBI."

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"I am a South Dakota State Highway Patrolman serving in that capacity for [redacted]

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"On February 6, 1973 I was to the Custer S. D. area as a support unit for the local law enforcement officers because of rumors of impending trouble with AIM. I was accompanied by [redacted] Trooper, and we arrived in Custer about 1:30 am on February 6, 1973. I stayed at U. S. 385 South of Custer until approximately 1:30 pm on February 6, 1973 when we were called by radio to the Custer County Court House.

"Upon arriving at the Court House I proceeded to enter the rear entrance of the Court House. At that time there was a group of Indians entering from the front. I proceeded to the lobby area and attempted to move the people back out of the court house. Several fights broke out. Indians were wielding chairs, pipes, sticks and other items. One Indian was using a chain.

"I observed [redacted] being assaulted by [redacted] whom I later identified at the [redacted] next day at [redacted]

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Interviewed on February 20, 1973 at Rapid City, South Dakota File # MP 176-87

by [redacted]

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Custer County Sheriffs Office.

"I also observed RUSSELL MEANS involved in the fighting inside the Court House.

"At about the time the confrontation had been in progress for several minutes some gas and mace was dipersed the crowd was forced back out of the court house and into the Street.

"I then left through the rear exit and returned to my car. At that time a picked up my riot gun which was loaded number 9 shot and went to the West side of the court House where I observed the firetrucks moving in an attempt to put out the fire in the court House. I saw several unknown individuals throw gas bombs at the firetrucks which did not explode. I also saw numerous unknown individuals filling gas containers at the Texaco Gas Station at the Southwest corner of the intersection.

"I then saw a fuel tanker semi-trailer truck stopped in the intersection southwest of the court House. Several unknown individuals were climbing on the tanker and were trying to remove the driver. At that point one of our officers fired at 37 mm gas projectile which exploded directly under the truck and several of the individuals were dispersed. There were several individuals on the cab so I fired three rounds into the air and the remainder jumped off the tanker and headed in a southerly direction. At that time a saw one indian male running carrying a large type firearm, rifle or shotgun, possibly taken from one of the Sheriffs cars.

"I have viewed approximately 50 photographs at which time I positively have identified RUSSELL MEANS as taking part in the fighting inside the Court House. I have also identified [redacted] Pennington County Sheriff's Office number [redacted] [redacted] male, Pennington County Sheriffs Office number [redacted] as being present at the Court House in Custer South. February 11, 1973.

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"I have read the above signed statement  
consisting of four pages and they are true and correct.

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Witnesses: "/s/ [Redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Mpls, Minn 2/20/73  
"/s/ [Redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I. Mpls,  
Minn. 2/20/73."

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/30/73

[redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City, South Dakota, was interviewed and advised that on February 6, 1973, he was in Custer, South Dakota, supporting local law enforcement officers during the civil disorder.

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[redacted] advised that after the Indians had broken into the Court House and after the fire had been started in the Court House, he and several of his patrolmen were stationed on the west side of the Court House.

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[redacted] stated he observed a semi-trailer tank truck coming down the Main Street in Custer heading east.

[redacted] stated the truck was stopped at the intersection southwest of the Court House by a group of Indians.

[redacted] advised about two or three Indians were involved in stopping the truck while a larger group of Indians stood to the side.

[redacted] stated that he observed an individual on the driver's side running board of the truck who he stated he could positively identify as DENNIS BANKS. [redacted] stated the cab door on the driver's side was open and it appeared as if BANKS was attempting to remove the driver from the truck.

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[redacted] stated he then instructed Trooper [redacted] to fire a tear gas projectile underneath the tank truck. He stated [redacted] fired the tear gas and the projectile slid down the street underneath the cab of the truck. [redacted] advised as the tear gas went up around the truck, the Indians began to exit the area. [redacted] stated that he then fired several shots into the air and he and his men began advancing toward the truck.

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[redacted] stated all the Indians then began moving south and he motioned for the truck to start moving. He stated the truck exited Custer heading east on Main Street.

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[redacted] stated he did not see anyone on the trailer nor could he identify anyone involved in the incident other than DENNIS BANKS.

Interviewed on 8/22/73 at Rapid City, South Dakota File # MP 176-139-51

by

SA [redacted]

Date dictated 8/25/73b6  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 8/2/73

[redacted] South Dakota Highway Patrol, assigned Rapid City, South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of this interviewing Agent, furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he was personally present at the Custer County Court House during the occupation on February 6, 1973. [redacted] advised that he personally assisted Patrolman [redacted] and Patrolman [redacted] both of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, with the arrest of RUSSELL MEANS. [redacted] went on to say that he was with [redacted] and observed [redacted] physically place RUSSELL MEANS in custody on the main floor inside the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota. [redacted] stated as [redacted] were attempting to restrain MEANS [redacted] asked him personally for a pair of handcuffs to which [redacted] gave [redacted] his personal handcuffs. [redacted] advised [redacted] placed the handcuffs on RUSSELL MEANS and both [redacted] physically removed MEANS via the rear door of the Court House to the designated custody area.

[redacted] advised that he has observed several photographs from the news media of RUSSELL MEANS prior to the occupation of the Custer County Court House on February 6, 1973. [redacted] advised that he could identify RUSSELL MEANS' photograph at a later date if necessary and in addition, stated he could identify a photograph of RUSSELL MEANS if displayed to him. A photograph of RUSSELL MEANS was subsequently displayed to [redacted] to which he identified as RUSSELL MEANS the same individual as taken into custody by Patrolmen [redacted] at the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973.

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PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON  
FEBRUARY 6 - 7, 1973

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/15/73

Special Agent [ ] and Agent [ ]  
[ ] South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation,  
took 107 photographs of the confrontation involving  
approximately 200 members of the American Indian Movement  
(AIM) at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6 and 7, 1973.  
The photographs were taken between the hours of 9 a.m. and  
6 p.m. on February 6, 1973, and during the morning hours of  
February 7, 1973. The vantage point for the photographs  
depicting the arrival of the Indians in Custer and of the  
actual fighting in the courthouse and in front of the  
courthouse was the right front window on the second floor  
of the Custer County Court House. The vantage points for  
the photographs depicting the burning of the Chamber of  
Commerce building and of the damage to other buildings  
caused by the rioting were in the vicinity of the courthouse.  
The photos depicting the damage caused by the rioting were  
taken at approximately 10 a.m. February 7, 1973, by Agent  
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Special Agent [ ] used a Top Con 35 millimeter  
reflex camera using a small telephoto lense. The exposed  
film taken by both Special Agent [ ] and Agent [ ]  
was turned over to [ ] South Dakota Division  
of Criminal Investigation, for developing on February 7,  
1973.

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Of the 107 photos taken, 27 photos have been  
selected as those depicting the events of the confrontation  
in the most detailed manner. These 27 photos follow in  
sequential order. The first photo was taken at approximately  
1:45 p.m., February 6, 1973. Photos 1 through 6 depict  
the arrival of the Indians at the Custer County Court  
House. Photo number 7 depicts RUSSELL MEANS motioning  
towards the courthouse moments before a fight broke out in  
the courthouse hall. This took place at approximately  
2:10 p.m. Photos 8 and 9 depict Indians forming for the  
second time on the courthouse steps immediately after  
MEANS motioned them there in order to storm through the  
front door of the courthouse. Photo number 10 depicts  
the scene in the courthouse hall just after the initial

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fight in the hall. Photos 11 through 14 depict the fight between Indians and members of the South Dakota Highway Patrol. This took place at approximately 2:25 p.m. Photos 15 and 16 depict the scene on the courthouse steps moments after the fight between the patrolmen and the Indians at approximately 2:30 p.m. Photo 17 depicts the Chamber of Commerce building burning at approximately 2:50 p.m. The remaining photos were taken the morning of February 7, 1973. Photos 18 through 20 depict the courthouse that next morning. Photo 21 depicts a can of charcoal lighter fluid the contents of which were used to fuel the fire in the courthouse. Photo 22 depicts the burned Chamber of Commerce building. Photos 23 through 25 depict the Texaco Station which was partially damaged. Photos 26 and 27 depict the Custer County Sheriff vehicles, which were severely damaged. Photos 1 through 9 were taken by Special Agent [redacted] and photos 10 through 27 were taken by [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Rapid City, South Dakota, on August 22, 1973:

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A review was conducted of the FBI files at Rapid City, South Dakota, and it was determined that photographs of the incident at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, were taken by [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, and [redacted] Agent, South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, Pierre, South Dakota. These photographs were examined and it was determined that there were no photographs taken of the attempt to stop the fuel truck.

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Date of transcription 8/30/73

[redacted] Custer, South Dakota, was contacted and [redacted] advised that on February 6, 1973, during the civil disorder at Custer, South Dakota, she was taking photographs of the incident.

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[redacted] exhibited numerous prints of the incident and it was noted that two of the prints depicted a blue and white semi-trailer truck with the door open. [redacted] stated she took these two photographs sometime during the incident on the main street of Custer. She stated the Court House was already burning when she took the photographs of the truck.

[redacted] stated she observed several individuals stop the truck on the main street. She advised at first she thought the truck might run over the individuals who were standing in front of it. [redacted] stated after the truck was stopped, she thought it might be set on fire and that is why she started photographing the incident.

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[redacted] advised she could not identify anyone in the two photographs of the truck. She advised she could not specifically recall which of the two photographs was taken first. The negatives were examined and it was noted that the negative depicting the truck with numerous individuals around it and an individual wearing a blue coat in the door of the truck was numbered 7-7A and the negative depicting the truck with one individual in a brown checkered coat standing on the ground near the open door of the truck was numbered 8-8A.

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[redacted] furnished 27 negatives of the photographs which she took on February 6, 1973.

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by SA [redacted] sks Date dictated 8/26/73

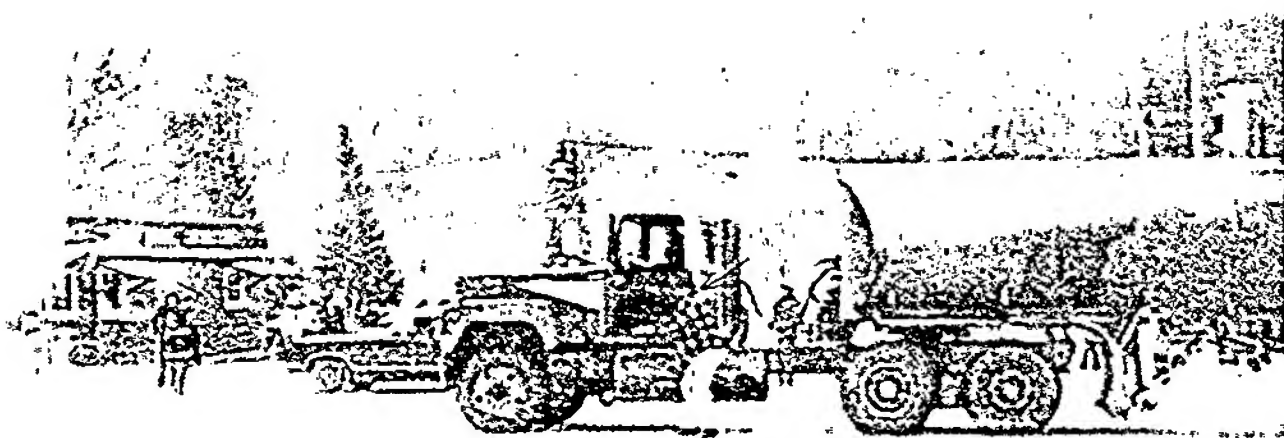
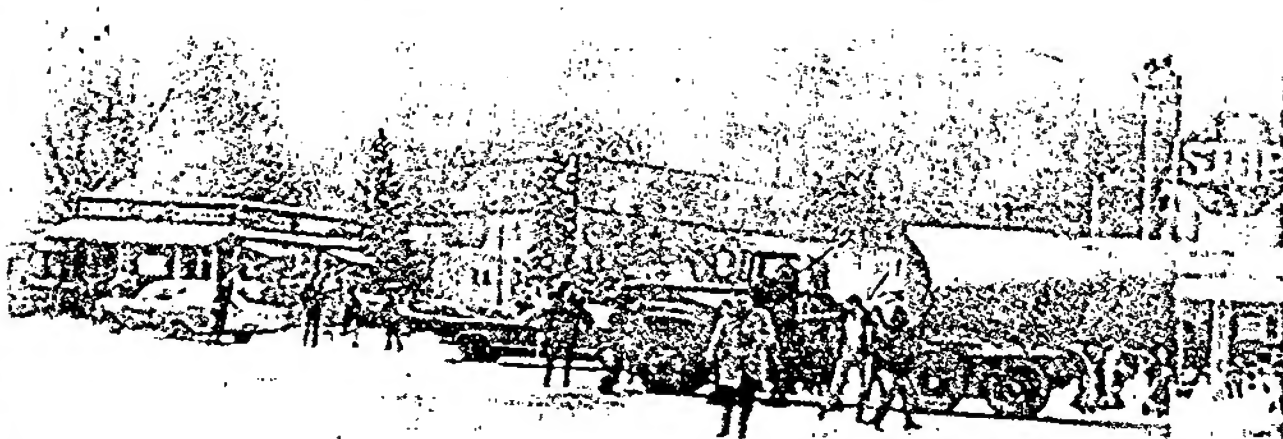
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The photographs referred to by [REDACTED] are shown on the following page. ERNIE PEPIN, Sheriff, Custer County, in interview of September 8, 1973, (page 16-A, supra) identified BANKS as a person shown in photograph # 1. This is the top photograph on the following page.

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WITNESSES OBSERVING COLLECTION  
OF GASOLINE AND THE STOPPING  
OF THE TRUCK.

WITNESSES DO NOT IDENTIFY  
PARTICIPANTS

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/12/73

[redacted] Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Rapid City, South Dakota, advised that on February 6, 1973, he was at the civil disorder in Custer, South Dakota. [redacted] advised that two caravans of Indians left Rapid City en route to Custer, South Dakota, at approximately 11:00 a.m. on February 6, 1973. [redacted] stated he did not have any information as to the number of individuals involved in the caravans.

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[redacted] further advised that during the afternoon of February 6, 1973, after the Court House had been abandoned and was burning, he was sitting in his car on Main Street in Custer, west of the Court House. [redacted] advised that he observed the semi-trailer tank truck being stopped on Main Street, three-fourths of a block east of his position. [redacted] stated the truck came in from the west and was stopped by several individuals in the intersection southwest of the Court House. [redacted] stated he could not identify anyone involved in the incident.

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[redacted] stated that shortly after the truck was stopped, he observed a male climb up the ladder on the back of the truck. He stated this was the only individual he observed on the truck. [redacted] stated some tear gas was then fired under the truck and everyone fled the area. He stated the truck then drove out of Custer going in an easterly direction.

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by SA [redacted] <sup>176</sup> <sub>SKS</sub> Date dictated 9/10/73

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/21/73

Patrolman [ ] South Dakota Highway Patrol, b6  
was interviewed at Patrol Headquarters, Rapid City, South Dakota, b7C  
and furnished the following information:

He is [ ] years of age having been assigned to the  
Highway Patrol for a period of [ ]

On February 6, 1973, he was assigned to a patrol car  
with Officer [ ] the patrol consisting of the territory b6  
between Custer and Crazy Horse, South Dakota. After returning b7C  
to the unit from lunch, he received a radio report that an  
Indian caravan of 18 automobiles was proceeding from Rapid City  
in the direction of Hill City, South Dakota. [ ] advised  
that a local patrol unit from the Rapid City area was following  
the caravan at the time. Patrolman [ ] advised he and  
[ ] moved their patrol unit from the side of the road and  
proceeded to take license numbers from the cars in the caravan  
as they passed them. [ ] then advised they followed the  
caravan as it proceeded towards Hill City. Outside Hill City  
the Indians set a covered wagon on fire in the middle of the  
highway and proceeded to roll it down the hill. He stated at  
this time he and [ ] using the public address system on  
their patrol unit advised the Indians to move on, which they  
did and at that time he and Patrolman [ ] moved the wagon  
from the road. He stated they then contacted Rapid City by  
radio, advised them of the situation, and requested instructions.

[ ] said at this time they were advised not to b6  
go into Custer but to maintain their status outside Hill City. b7C  
A short time later, they received radio instructions to move  
into Custer which they did and upon arriving there, noted bands  
of Indians moving about the street. They proceeded to the back  
of the court house and were joined by other members of the  
Highway Patrol, at which time they received instructions to  
move to the Gamble Store located a short distance down the  
street of the court house, which according to their instructions,  
was in the process of being looted. They then went to the  
Gamble Store and found the situation to be a hoax and returned  
to the court house to find an altercation in progress. [ ]  
advised that he and other patrolmen were advised by their

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superiors to enter the court house through the rear door to assist the patrolmen who were in the court house at that time. He, [ ] said he was posted approximately in the middle of the troop of highway patrolmen who entered at the rear of the court house and before he had left, at the door a [ ] came reeling back through the door bleeding profusely. He then entered the building, moved through the corridor to the front door, and began to assist two other highway patrolmen who were attempting to remove a [ ] from the front steps. [ ] was seen by [ ] to strike one of the officers by the name of [ ]. While attempting to assist other officers, he was hit with tear gas and a huge chunk of rock struck his front face plate. [ ] advised he could not identify any of his attackers due to the confusion. He then further advised he moved back through the court house to the rear of the building and outside at which time he saw a number of Indians at a Texaco Station located diagonally across the street of the court house attempting to get gasoline from the pumps.

[ ] at this time was shown copies of photographs of Indians who have been arrested in the Rapid City area but could not identify any of them as his attackers.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 20, 1974

[redacted] Patrolman, South Dakota Highway Patrol, advised that on the afternoon of February 6, 1974, he stopped a 1974 white vinyl over blue Chevrolet on South Dakota Highway Route 44 approximately one and one half miles west of the Rapid City Regional Airport. There were no license plates displayed on the vehicle, but he determined that paper duplicate tags numbered 2-43548 had been issued to the vehicle and they were in the car.

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The driver of the vehicle identified herself as [redacted] and gave a date of birth as [redacted] displayed a lease agreement to [redacted] showing that the car was owned by Rapid Chevrolet leasing and had been leased to [redacted] Also, in the car were [redacted] an unknown white female, and an unknown Indian female.

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by SA [redacted] dwj/amj Date dictated 2/13/74

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 8/2/73

[ ] Patrolman, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City, South Dakota, subsequent to identification of this interviewing Agent, furnished the following information:

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[ ] advised that he was present at Custer, South Dakota, at the Custer County Court House on February 6, 1973. [ ] advised that he was personally maintaining a position guarding an official South Dakota Highway Patrol equipment truck to the rear of the Custer County Court House. While standing guard at his position he observed Highway Patrol Officer [ ] physically assisting RUSSELL MEANS from the rear door to the Custer County Court House.

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[ ] advised that he could not recall [ ] partner who was assisting [ ] with the removal of RUSSELL MEANS. [ ] advised that he observed MEANS to be handcuffed and observed [ ] to place MEANS at an assembly area designated for people removed from the Custer County Court House. [ ] advised that this area was designated for the pickup point and removal of these individuals to a place for incarceration.

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[ ] advised that it was his opinion, due to Highway Patrol procedure and his experience, that RUSSELL MEANS had been placed under arrest and in custody by Officer [ ] and his partners.

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[ ] advised that he could identify RUSSELL MEANS at a later date due to the fact that he personally has seen him in person at the Custer County Court House and has seen numerous photographs of MEANS. [ ] advised that he could identify photographs of RUSSELL MEANS if displayed to him. A photograph was subsequently identified by [ ] of RUSSELL MEANS.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 24, 1973

[ ] Patrolman [ ] South Dakota Highway Patrol, (SDHP), made available the following information:

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[ ] has been employed by the SDHP since [ ] and has been assigned to the Rapid City, South Dakota area since [ ] was born [ ] resides at [ ] and has Social Security Account Number [ ]

[ ] advised that he was on duty February 6, 1973 at the Custer County Court House (CCCH) and was charged with the responsibility of insuring the security of several South Dakota Highway Patrol units as well as other equipment contained in a SDHP station wagon. [ ] advised that he arrived at the CCCH at approximately 1:30 P.M. and positioned himself at the rear of the Court House. Shortly after parking his car [ ] stated he observed RUSSELL C. MEANS being removed from the rear of the Custer County Court House. [ ] stated he did not actually observe any of MEANS' activity nor did he observe MEANS being placed under arrest.

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From his position behind the CCCH, [ ] observed six or seven Indians at the Texaco Service Station across from the Court House. These Indians appeared to be attempting to break in this service station but were unsuccessful. This same group of Indians then moved in the direction of the bulk gasoline storage tanks but the SDHP officers prevented the Indians from reaching this area.

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At this approximate time, smoke appeared in the CCCH and the SDHP officers left the CCCH by the rear door. [ ] assumes this smoke was actually tear gas.

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[ ] also observed several individuals who had been arrested by other officers and were held near his position.

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[ ] was exhibited 60 photographs from which he identified the following individuals whom he observed at Custer on February 6, 1973.

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"Rapid City, S.D.  
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"I, [ ] Patrolman for the South Dakota Highway Patrol, have been provided a group of 60 photographs by [ ] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been a patrolman since [ ]

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"I can provide the following information regarding photographs of individuals shown to me: Pennington County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) photograph number 11048 is a photo of Russell C. Means and I observed his being taken from the Custer County Court House (CCCH) by law enforcement officers, but did not actually observe his arrest; PCSO photograph number [ ] is a photo of [ ] who was arrested and held near the South Dakota squad vehicles; PCSO photograph numbers [ ] and [ ] whom I believe were arrested and held near the S. Dakota squads; and PCSO photograph number [ ] who I recognize as one of the individuals arrest at the time of the disturbance at Custer, South Dakota.

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"I have read this statement, consisting of this and one other page and it is a correct and true statement.

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"Witness: [ ] SA, FBI, Rapid City, S.D. 2/21/73  
[ ] SA, FBI, Rapid City, S.D., 2/21/73"



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 14, 1973

[redacted] Special Agent, Division of Criminal Investigation, Sturgis, South Dakota, upon interview, furnished the following information:

On February 6, 1973, he was in the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, in the office which [redacted] for Custer County, had set up as a meeting place to meet with the leaders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) which had gathered outside of the Custer County Court House. [redacted] stated that the purpose of his presence there was to assure that no harm would come to the States Attorney.

[redacted] advised that at about 1:45 PM on February 6, 1973, about 150 Indians composed of men, women, and children of the Indian race had gathered in front of the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota.

[redacted] advised that RUSSELL MEANS and DENNIS BANKS, leaders of the AIM, entered the inside of the Custer County Court House and went into the office to meet with [redacted] continued that when MEANS and BANKS confronted [redacted] they immediately began an argument with [redacted] concerning the stabbing death of WESLEY BAD HEART BULL who was stabbed by [redacted] of Custer. During this argument, according to [redacted] MEANS left the office and went out into the hallway and shortly after he entered the hallway, he heard a commotion out in the hallway and [redacted] another Special Agent of the Division of Criminal Investigation, call for help. [redacted] stated that as he entered the hallway, he observed Highway Patrolman [redacted] involved in a

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by SA [redacted] DGW:eb1 Date dictated 2/12/73

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scuffling situation with the Indian group which had broken into the interior of the Custer County Court House. [ ] advised that he observed MEANS and BANKS fighting with law enforcement officers during the fracas. [ ] advised that a white-looking male individual hit Patrolman [ ] with an object which [ ] could not recall. [ ] continued that at about this time he was hit in the ribs and knocked to the floor and kicked several times about the body.

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[ ] at this point, advised that additional law enforcement officers came into the Court House from the back door and these officers were successful in clearing the Indians out of the Custer County Court House and back on to the street in front of the Custer County Court House. [ ] continued that at this point the Indians went across the street and set fire to the Chamber of Commerce Building located directly across the street from the Custer County Court House.

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[ ] stated that he also observed that two of the Custer County Sheriff's Office patrol cars were heavily damaged and an attempt had been made to set fire to them by attempting to ignite the gasoline filling spout of these automobiles. [ ] said he observed that the Indian group had gathered over by the burning building of the Chamber of Commerce and that this group then went across the street to a Texaco station and obtained gas in a 25-gallon barrel. He stated that two young Indian males took the barrel, carried it back to the Custer County Court House, and poured the gas onto the first floor of the court house building. He said that these two men then took road-type flares and threw the flares into the gasoline, igniting the gasoline in the court house.

[ ] stated he also observed a young Indian male holding a sawed-off shotgun at the Highway Patrol officers who were trying to subdue the activities of the crowd. [ ] continued that the group that had gone over

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to the Texaco station broke the window out of the station and looted merchandise from the station and then set fire to the interior of the station.

[ ] continued that at this point another torch was thrown into the Custer County Court House and a fire started in another portion of the hallway.

[ ] continued that as the fire built in its intensity, a group went down about a half a block south of the Custer County Court House and started the fire in the building housing the offices of the Standard Oil Bulk Plant.

[ ] advised that as he observed the burning of the Custer Chamber of Commerce building an Indian girl tried to walk into the fire on two different occasions and both times was brought out by law enforcement officers.

[ ] stated that after the fires had been ignited, the group then seemed to get together about a block west of the Custer County Court House, get into their automobiles, and then drove west and south out of the city of Custer.

[ ] stated that many of the Indian people who participated in the demonstration had pop bottles with lighted wicks and were throwing them at the Custer County Court House and also at the fire engines which responded to put out the fire.

[ ] advised that when the Indian group broke into the front door of the Custer County Court House, MEANS went out the south exit of the office where the meeting with the States Attorney was being held. [ ] stated that as he looked into the room he observed BANKS tearing out the window by swinging a long club similar to a night stick. According to [ ] it was at this time that the [ ] came out of the room and it appeared that he had been cut over the eye.

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[ ] advised that all television cameras and photographic equipment which had been set up in the hallway were falling to the floor during the scuffle of the Indian element and the law enforcement officers. [ ] advised that he specifically recalls BANKS crawling out of a window followed by two or three Indians and that after getting out of the window, they joined the group in front of the court house who at that time were demonstrating by throwing firebombs, rocks, and any object at windows, breaking the windows of the county court house.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/30/73

[redacted]  
a Criminal Investigator for the South Dakota Attorney General's Office, was interviewed at Custer, South Dakota, and furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated he was in Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, during the civil disorder. [redacted] stated that at approximately 2:30 p.m. on February 6, 1973, he was positioned on the east side of the County Court House in Custer. He stated he observed two young Indian males carrying a 25-gallon barrel from the direction of the Texaco Service Station across the street from the Court House. [redacted] stated that due to the way the individuals were carrying the barrel, it appeared to be approximately half full of some type of liquid.

[redacted] stated the two individuals proceeded up the steps of the Court House with the barrel, opened the door, and poured the contents of the barrel into the Court House. [redacted] stated that the substance which was poured from the barrel appeared to him to be gasoline.

[redacted] advised the two individuals then ran back across and another group began throwing vehicle emergency flares at the front door of the Court House. [redacted] stated he then ran to the back of the Court House to alert the fire trucks. [redacted] stated shortly after he left, he heard a loud "whooshing" sound and he observed black smoke coming out of the Court House.

[redacted] stated he could not identify the two individuals who carried the 25-gallon barrel from the Texaco Station to the Court House.

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by SA [redacted] sk Date dictated 8/26/73

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription August 4, 1973

[redacted] of Phillip 66 Station, b6 Highway 16 and 385, subsequent to the interviewing Agents, furnished b7C the following information:

[redacted] advised that he was near the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota, February 6, 1973, during the time of the occupation of the Custer County Court House, Custer, South Dakota. [redacted] advised that while in the area of the Court House, he observed a fuel truck being driven by a [redacted] being stopped near the area of the Court House by several Indians. [redacted] stated that he could not identify any of the individuals stopping the vehicle but stated he observed approximately six Indians near and on the truck attempting to open the valves. [redacted] again restated that the distance between him, the Indians, and the truck, he could not identify anyone involved with the stopping of the vehicle. [redacted] stated that the only individual that he could positively identify at the Custer County Court House was RUSSELL MEANS, who he has personally seen photographs of MEANS that have been released by prior news media photographs.

[redacted] stated that he observed MEANS entering the Custer County Court House at Custer, South Dakota.

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[redacted] advised that he would testify the above information and if he were to develop any positive information in this matter in the near future, he will notify the FBI.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/21/73

[redacted]  
[redacted] Trooper, South Dakota State Highway Patrol, furnished the following statement regarding his involvement in the disturbance at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973:

"February 21, 1973  
Rapid City, South Dakota

"I [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am a South Dakota State Highway Patrolman stationed in Hot Springs area of South Dakota. I have been in Hot Springs since [redacted] of [redacted]

"On February 6, 1973, I was stationed near Custer, South Dakota, with Trooper [redacted] when at about 1:00 p.m., I received a call for assistance to help quell a disturbance at the Custer County Court House. When I arrived at the court house I went to the rear door where I remained until I heard a crash inside the court house, then proceeded into the hallway. I fought my way down the hall and I noticed [redacted] was lying on the floor and two Indians were on top of him. I helped pull the Indians off him but one of the Indians, RUSSELL MEANS, grappled with me and I eventually helped handcuffed him and other officers took him out the rear door of the court house. I then went back inside the court house and went out the front door onto the steps where I remember [redacted] yelling and I told someone to arrest her and at this point the entire group of Indians started toward the stairs. I went back inside the court house and out the back door. I peered

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back in the door and noticed a smoke bomb being thrown and also noticed gasoline on the floor. I then saw an Indian throw what appeared to me to be dynamite which ignited the gasoline. I also noticed a group of Indians try to stop a tanker going through town but I can't recognize anyone who was involved. The entire incident at the court house lasted approximately 10 to 15 minutes with about seventy five Indian demonstrators taking an active part.

"I was displayed sixty photographs from which I have identified the following seven: Pennington County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) photograph number [redacted] whom I believe was at the court house during the melee but I cannot recall any specific incident in which he was involved; PCSO photograph number 11048 of RUSSELL C. MEANS whom I observed striking DCI Agent [redacted] and who I subsequently arrested on February 6, 1973; PCSO photograph number [redacted] who was arrested when efforts were being made to clear the streets near the Custer County Court House on February 6, 1973, while the disturbance was going on. PCSO photograph number [redacted] [redacted] who I believe was in the crowd in front of the court house or accross the street; however, I can recall no incidents in which he was involved. PCSO photo number [redacted] [redacted] PCSO photo number [redacted] [redacted] and PCSO photo number [redacted] all of whom were observed in the general area of the court house during the time of the disturbance.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this page and two additional page and have initialed each page and now sign it because it is true.

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"/s/

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"Witness: [REDACTED] FBI, SA, Rapid City, South  
Dakota, February 21, 1973.

[REDACTED] SA, FBI, Rapid City,  
South Dakota, February 21, 1973."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 27, 1974

On February 14, 1974, [redacted] Patrolman, South Dakota Highway Patrol, observed a group of seven photographs as follows:



[redacted] advised that the photograph of [redacted] was of an individual whom he observed during the confrontation which occurred on February 6, 1973, at Custer, South Dakota. [redacted] advised he does not remember if the individual was armed, however, and cannot remember what the individual was doing.

[redacted] placed his signature on the back of the photograph of [redacted] and his initials on the back of the other five photographs which he observed.

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by SA [redacted] MBN/amj Date dictated 2/21/74

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/30/73

[redacted] Patrolman, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City, South Dakota, address [redacted] was interviewed and he advised that on February 6, 1973, he was on duty at the civil disorder which occurred in Custer, South Dakota.

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[redacted] stated that sometime after the Indian group had set fire to the Court House, he was stationed on the west side of the Court House with several other patrolmen. [redacted] stated from this position he observed a semi-trailer tank truck being waved down by several Indians at the intersection southwest of the Court House on the Main Street in Custer. [redacted] stated he then observed one Indian male get on the running board of the cab on the driver's side. He advised the cab door on the driver's side was then opened and there appeared to be a struggle between the Indian male on the running board and the driver.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] then instructed him to fire a tear gas projectile underneath the tank truck. [redacted] stated when the gas began to go up around the truck, the Indians left the area of the truck.

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[redacted] stated he could not identify any of the individuals involved in the stopping of the truck. [redacted] described the individual on the running board as an Indian male wearing a blue parka. [redacted] advised he does not know whether the Indian male on the running board or the driver opened the door of the truck.

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Interviewed on 8/22/73 at Custer, South Dakota File # MP 176-139

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/26/73

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription February 13, 1973

[redacted] Patrolman, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Rapid City, South Dakota, upon interview advised the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he was following a caravan of automobiles, which had left Rapid City, South Dakota, at approximately 12:30 p.m. He advised that this caravan had driven out Highway 16 and then had taken Highway 385 on in toward Hill City, South Dakota. [redacted] advised that approximately a mile and one half outside of the City of Hill City, South Dakota, the caravan stopped near the Chutes Roosters, a dinner club located outside of Hill City, South Dakota. [redacted] continued that a group of the Indians traveling in this caravan got out of their automobile and climbed up the side of the hill, cut loose a covered wagon which was used as an advertising sign by the owners of the Chutes Roosters, set the covered wagon on fire, and then let it roll down onto the highway where it was burned in its entirety. [redacted] advised that he copied down the license numbers of these automobiles and submitted same to the South Dakota State Police Radio for identification purposes.

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[redacted] advised that the caravan continued on its way down Highway 385 and arrived in Custer, South Dakota, at approximately 1:45 p.m. [redacted] stated that after the caravan arrived in Custer, he was assigned to the outside of the Custer County Court House on the back door portion of the Court House. [redacted] continued that when he heard a breaking of glass and a call for help he and other patrolmen entered the back door of the Court House and went inside the first floor area of the Court House Building. [redacted] stated that he observed the Indian group fighting with the law enforcement officers who were inside of the Court House. [redacted] said that at about this time someone had released a tear gas canister and the room began to fill with tear gas.

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[redacted] stated that as he approached the group that was fighting, someone hit him on the left arm with a night stick. [redacted] advised that the man who struck him was in the room on the west side in the front office of the first floor of the Court House. He was sure that the camera man

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Interviewed on February 6, 1973 at Custer, South Dakota File # MINNEAPOLIS 157-1509

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from the KOTA Television Station took pictures of this man while he was in the room meeting with the States Attorney.

[ ] continued that the law enforcement officers who were inside the Court House then started pushing the Indian group out of the front door in which they had broken into and entered the Court House. [ ] advised that he observed two of the Highway Patrolmen injured and due to the heavy concentration of tear gas, they took the injured patrolmen out the back door of the Court House. [ ] continued that one of the patrolmen had an Indian under arrest, and he assisted in cuffing this Indian and then went to the outside of the Court House in the rear parking lot to regroup.

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[ ] advised that the law enforcement officials inside of the building were heavily outnumbered by the Indian element which numbered approximately 100 who were on the front steps of the Court House and also on the inside of the Court House. [ ] advised that when the Indians broke through the front door they began fighting with the law enforcement element that were inside of the Court House.

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[ ] continued that after they removed the Indians from inside of the Court House, they were instructed then to commence making arrests of the demonstrating group. [ ] stated that there were approximately 24 arrests made as a result of the demonstration.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 2/20/73

[redacted] South Dakota State Highway Patrolman, was contact at the South Dakota State Highway Patrol Station concerning his activities at Custer, South Dakota on February 6, 1973. [redacted] provided the following signed statement:

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"I [redacted] make the following statement to [redacted] Special Agents of the FBI.

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"I am a South Dakota State Highway Patrolman stationed at Rapid City, South Dakota and on February 6, 1973 I was in Custer, South Dakota working the Indian disorders. I was helping remove the Indians from the Custer County Court House and was struck with what appeared to be a Highway Patrol riot baton. I was hit on the left wrist but did not require treatment.

"After pushing the Indians from the Court House I arrested the following two individuals as the Chamber of Commerce Building was burning:

[redacted]  
"Pennington County Sheriff's Office

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"# [redacted]

[redacted]  
"Pennington County Sheriff's Office

"# [redacted]

"I can positively identify the above two listed photographs as being the individuals I arrested for helping to incite the riot situation.

[redacted] made the statement "I'm with you brother. You're right." [redacted] verbally abused State Highway Patrolman and would not obey instructions to cease his actions.

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"I have read this statement consisting of this page and one other and now initial each page and sign this

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MP 157-1509

by SA [redacted] jss Date dictated 2/20/73

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statement because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]  
"S. Dak. Highway Patrol

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"Witness: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin. 2/20/73.  
"Witness: [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2/20/73."

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 8/2/73

[redacted] Patrolman, South Dakota Highway Patrol, assigned to Rapid City, South Dakota, subsequent to the identification of the interviewing Agent, furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he was personally present at the takeover of the Custer County Court House in Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973. [redacted] advised that as he attempted to enter the Custer County Court House and remove individuals who had occupied the Court House he personally saw RUSSELL MEANS crawling on his hands and knees towards the front door. [redacted] advised that he observed RUSSELL MEANS in this position as he attempted to enter the Court House from the rear door.

Shortly upon entering the Court House on the main floor he proceeded to place RUSSELL MEANS into physical custody and subsequently handcuffed MEANS with his arms behind his back. [redacted] advised that he was personally assisted by Patrolman [redacted] in addition, advised that [redacted] was present while MEANS was taken into physical custody and it was [redacted] handcuffs that were applied to MEANS.

According to [redacted] MEANS was escorted by himself and Patrolman [redacted] to the rear of the Custer County Court House and subsequently turned over to an unknown officer in the designated custody area for transportation to jail facilities.

[redacted] advised that he could personally identify RUSSELL MEANS at a later date and indicated that prior to the occupation of the Custer County Court House he had seen several photographs of MEANS through the news media. [redacted] advised that he could identify a photograph of MEANS if displayed at which time [redacted] immediately identified a photograph of RUSSELL MEANS.

Interviewed on 8/1/73 at Rapid City, South Dakota File # MP 70-6882

SA [redacted]

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8/1/73



WITNESSES OBSERVING THE OBTAINING  
AND USE OF GASOLINE AND STOPPING  
OF TRUCK BY BANKS

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3/7/73

Date of transcription

[redacted] advised the following:

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He is an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and generally works out of [redacted] for the Highway Department of BIA. In addition he is the [redacted] of an unofficial self-protective unit and is under the direct supervision of [redacted] Oglala Sioux tribe. On October 6, 1972, he was assigned by [redacted] to proceed to Custer, South Dakota, to observe the civil disorder being conducted by the American Indian Movement in that city.

He arrived at Custer at 8:30 a.m. October 8, 1972. He parked in the vicinity of the courthouse and at approximately 10:30 a.m. he observed a caravan of approximately 80 cars containing 300 people approaching the vicinity of the courthouse. For a period of approximately 1½ hours the people from the caravan "milled around" in the vicinity of the courthouse. At approximately 12:00 noon he observed RUSSELL MEANS walk through the crowd with an American flag draped over his back upside down. He observed MEANS gesture to the crowd and the crowd followed him to the courthouse. MEANS then kicked in a door and a window and was immediately arrested by officers of the South Dakota Highway Patrol. He then observed DENNIS BANKS break a window out with a chair and exit through the broken window.

At this point [redacted] advised he moved his vehicle across the street to a parking place in the vicinity of the Chamber of Commerce Building, and then went to a telephone booth in the vicinity in order to advise [redacted] of the situation. While he was in the phone booth he observed gas cans being filled at a nearby gas station and then observed DENNIS BANKS pass directly by the phone booth carrying two 2 gallon cans and proceed up to the courthouse. He observed BANKS stuff rags into the gas cans, light the rags, and throw the cans into the courthouse.

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BANKS then stopped a gasoline transport tanker which was proceeding through the town and forced the driver to leave the vehicle. BANKS entered the cab of the vehicle and a young unidentified Indian male climbed on top of the truck and attempted

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by SA [redacted] and [redacted] SA [redacted] (HAB:mjt) Date dictated 3/7/73

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to open the tanker but was unable to do so because it was sealed.

**DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF**  
**INTERSTATE NATURE OF SHIPMENT**

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/30/73

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] furnished xerox copies of Carriers Freight Bill Number 064-00252 dated February 6, 1973, Truck Loading Order Number 15216 dated February 6, 1973, and Refinery Meter Ticket Number 42434 dated February 6, 1973. The above documents reflect that Ruan Transport Corporation Truck Number 9248 and Trailer Number 393 loaded 7100 gross and 7225 net gallons of Number Two Furnace Oil at the Newcastle, Wyoming, Tesoro Petroleum Company Refinery at 12:30 p.m. on February 6, 1973. The documents reflect that Stauter Lumber Company, 3 E. Hill City, Hill City, South Dakota, was the consignee. The documents further reflect that the driver of the Ruan Transport Corporation truck was [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he was the individual to be subpoenaed to produce the original of the above documents.

Interviewed on 8/22/73 at Newcastle, Wyoming File # MP 176-139-51

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 8/28/73

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IDENTIFICATION RECORD OF BANKS

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**IDENTIFICATION DIVISION**  
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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Shreveport Louisiana	Dennis J. Banks 60298	January 21, 1955	simple criminal damage	discharged
Police Department Minneapolis Minnesota	Dennis James Banks 47315	February 14, 1959	investigation (strong arm robbery)	released
Police Department Minneapolis Minnesota	Dennis James Banks 47315	March 3, 1966	investigation (burglary)	Indt MSR Stillwater 4-15-66
State Prison Stillwater Minnesota	Dennis James Banks 22695	April 19, 1966	burglary	maximum 5 years paroled April 3, 1967 paroled May 14, 1968
United States Marshal Minneapolis Minnesota	Dennis James Banks 12 522	November 21, 1967	forgery of government check 18 United States Code 495	dismissed
State Prison Stillwater Minnesota	Dennis James Banks 22695	December 15, 1967	parole violation (no added charges)	
United States Marshal Minneapolis Minnesota	Dennis James Banks 5221	May 21, 1971	18 United States Code 1302 trespass- ing on Federal	dismissed

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Police Department Minneapolis Minnesota	Dennis James Banks 4 7 315	September 4, 1971	investigation aggravated damage to property	C
USM Sioux Falls SDak	Dennis James Banks 8410-1985	6-25-73	burg, larceny, AWDM, Obst, Fed Off. Civil Disorder, Arson, Unlawful poss. firearms, Conspiracy, Tamp motor veh. 2 cts aslt Fed. Officers	



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	DATE <b>3/16/76</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/16/76</b>
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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>DAMV</b>	

REFERENCE: Minneapolis report of SA   
dated 11/20/74.

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Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: March 16, 1976Office: Minneapolis,  
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Field Office File #: 149-427

Bureau File #:

Title: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Character: DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES

Synopsis: Order filed on February 20, 1976 dismissing indictment  
against BANKS.

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DETAILS:

By letter dated March 8, 1976 from the office of WILLIAM F. CLAYTON, United States Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Minneapolis Office was advised as follows:

"On February 20, 1976, an Order was filed dismissing the indictment in the above case, as to the defendant Dennis Banks. The charge against [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was dismissed previously.

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"We are closing our file."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile

DATE: 5/15/73

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS

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(P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

Reference:

- Recommend: ☒ Inclusion in ADEX (summary attached)\*  
☐ Removal from ADEX (summary attached)\*  
☐ Changes in ADEX card (specify change only)

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Name <b>DENNIS JAMES BANKS</b>		Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Race <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other American Indian	
Also known as: <u>Dennis Banks</u>		Citizenship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> U. S. <input type="checkbox"/> Alien - Specify Country			
Date of Birth (Month, day, year) <b>4/12/37</b>		Place of Birth <b>Federal Dam, Minnesota</b>		Employment Occupation: <b>AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT</b> <b>National Field Director</b> Firm & Address: <b>AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT</b> <b>Denver, Colorado</b>	
Residence Address <b>2743 First Avenue South</b> <b>Minneapolis, Minnesota</b>		Type of Activity (Check principal activity only) <input type="checkbox"/> (BEX) Black Extremist <input type="checkbox"/> (CMC) Communist (pro-Chinese) <input type="checkbox"/> (CMS) Communist (pro-Soviet) <input type="checkbox"/> (CMT) Communist (Trotskyist) <input type="checkbox"/> (FRN) Foreign Affiliation - Specify Country <input type="checkbox"/> (PRN) Puerto Rican Nationalist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (REV) Revolutionary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (MSC) Miscellaneous <b>AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)</b>			
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SUCCINCT RESUME

On July 13, 1972, [redacted] [redacted] Judicial, Prevention and Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that DENNIS JAMES BANKS, is a principal leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

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During February, 1973, BANKS was one of the leaders of a group of Indians that engaged in civil disturbances at Custer and Rapid City, South Dakota. He was also one of the leaders, chief negotiators and original occupants in the occupation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, which action extended from February 27 to May 8, 1973.

On March 20, 1973, BANKS was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Sioux Falls, South Dakota on charges of burglary, larceny, impeding federal officers during a civil disorder, conspiracy to commit burglary and larceny, assaulting a federal officer and possession of unregistered firearms.

In view of the above, it is recommended that subject's name be included on ADEX.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	Office of Origin <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	Date <b>5/15/73</b>	Investigative Period <b>12/27/72 - 5/12/73</b>
Title of Case  <b>DENNIS JAMES BANKS</b>		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	Typed By: <b>kcw</b>
		Character of Case  <b>EM - AIM</b>	

## SUMMARY

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The original and one copy of FD-376 are attached.

One copy of report is being prepared for dissemination to the United States Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota, pending Bureau approval of subject for inclusion in ADEX. Two copies of report are being prepared for information of Denver, who is origin for the American Indian Movement (AIM) and two copies for Salt Lake City, as subject has indicated that he contemplates moving AIM National Headquarters from Denver, Colorado to Salt Lake and coordinate his activities from that location.

Approved <i>J. H. [Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in space
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Will await Bureau action concerning inclusion of  
subject on ADEX.

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1. ☐ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 9/14/71.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☐ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because  
(state reason) it contains information from confidential informants of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which could possibly identify informants, which would be detrimental to the national defense.
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) NEVER.  
☒ Subject was not ☐ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason) it was considered inadvisable due to militant Indian situation at Wounded Knee and because of his inaccessibility. Subject currently a fugitive.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☐ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_.
10. ☐ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☐ Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ (date) Placed ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. ☐ Subject is Extremist in ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 15, 1973

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EXTREMIST MATTER -  
AMERICAN INDIAN ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☒ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☒ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☒ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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May 15, 1973

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Field Office File #: 157-846

Bureau File #:

Title: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTER -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis:

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, a co-founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM), resides at 2743 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is currently a National Field Director for the movement. He has been active since 1968 and recently participated in armed confrontations as a leader against local, state and Federal law enforcement officers in South Dakota.

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DETAILS

This case was predicated upon information furnished by [REDACTED] Judicial, Prevention and Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 13, 1972 that DENNIS JAMES BANKS was a leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and had a propensity for violence.

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Exempt from GDS, Category 2  
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The articles of incorporation, of the American Indian Movement (AIM), were filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State, St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 1, 1968, and stated that the purpose of this corporation is to solicit and broaden opportunities and general welfare for the urban Indians in order that he may enjoy his full rights as a citizen of these United States, also his special rights as an Aborigine.

On December 18, 1972, [redacted] [redacted] Judicial, Prevention and Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that the American Indian Movement (AIM), claims to be an Indian civil rights organization whose stated purpose is to enhance the social, educational, and economic status of Indians. In reality, however, [redacted] advised, AIM is a militant organization and its leaders believe in direct confrontation with authority.

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The Black Panther Party (BPP) is a black extremist organization started in Oakland, California, in December, 1966. It advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics to bring about the overthrow of the United States Government.

BACKGROUND

Birth

Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, which cover Indian reservations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa, disclosed that DENNIS JAMES BANKS was born on April 12, 1937, at Federal Dam, Minnesota, is enrolled at the Leech Lake Reservation, on Roll Number 50 of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Basic Roll. Subject's birth was illegitimate and father is unknown. Mother is listed as ANNIE BANKS, deceased March 1, 1961.

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Prevention and Law Enforcement,  
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
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Residence and Employment

Subject's last known address was, 2743 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, but is extremely nomadic due to his activity with AIM. Subject is involved with AIM on a full time basis and otherwise is unemployed.

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Education

Records at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, disclosed that DENNIS JAMES BANKS, completed the eleventh grade at Flandreau Indian School, Flandreau, South Dakota, obtained his high school diploma through the United States Air Force in 1953, completed one year of college at the University of Minnesota and claims to have obtained a Bachelor's of Art Degree in Political Science from the University of Tokyo, Japan in 1958. This claim is unsupported.

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Credit

There was no record identifiable with DENNIS JAMES BANKS in the files of the Minneapolis, Minnesota Credit Bureau.

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Identification

A review of the files of the Minneapolis Police Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, disclosed the following arrest record for the subject.

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Police Department  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
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# MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bureau of Identification  
Unabridged Record

ReMug 3-11-66

FBI# 118 L17 D

Mpls. No.

Surname

Given Name

Middle

BANKS

Dennis

James

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Date Arrested	Charge	Disposition
4-29-58	Drunk	25-15 WH [redacted] 4-29-58
2-14-59	Investigation Robbery	Released by Det [redacted] 2-18-59
4-4-59	Drunk	20-10 Pd [redacted] 4-6-59
6-24-59	Warr Assault & Battery	60 Prob 1 yr [redacted] 7-1-59
7-16-59	Driving w/o Drivers License	100-30 Pd [redacted] 7-16-59
8-18-59	Warr Assault & Battery	90 Prob 1 yr + 60 WH [redacted]
5-1-60	Drunk	20-10 Pd [redacted] 5-6-60
9-27-63	Warr Illigitimacy	BODC [redacted] 9-28-63
-	Warr Illigitimacy	BODC [redacted] 9-28-63
7-24-64	Warr Speeding	10-2 Pd [redacted] 7-24-64
3-13-65	Drunk	20-10 Pd 2 mos [redacted] 3-15-65
-	Warr Illigitimacy	BODC [redacted] 3-15-65
-	Open Bottle	25-5 SS [redacted] 3-15-65
3-30-65	Investigation Burglary	Dropped by Det's [redacted]
-	Warr Parking	15-3 Pd [redacted] 12-2-65
3-3-66	Warr Burglary	BODC [redacted] 3-17-66
-	-	Found [redacted] Index sent MSP
-	-	[redacted] 4-15-66
4-7-66	Simple Assault	60 Stay 1 yr [redacted] 4-9-66
4-3-67	Released on Parole from MSR St61041 #22695	
5-6-67	Drunk	15-3 Pd [redacted] 5-8-67
5-14-68	Released on Parole from MSR St61041 #22695	
12-30-68	Investigation Robbery	Released by Det [redacted] 12-30-68
3-24-70	Trespassing	Dismissed [redacted] 3-29-71
9-4-71	Inv Dam to prop (over 1000)	Det Det [redacted] 9-4-71
9-8-71	JL Warr Criminal Damage Prop	BODC [redacted] 10-19-71
9-26-77	DAS	2-25-72 Pg as Chg 90 Wh SS 1 Yr Pro Restit [redacted]

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A review of the files at the Crime Laboratory, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, Minneapolis, Minnesota, disclosed the following:

On February 24, 1971, the subject was arrested by Hennepin County Sheriff's Office on a warrant for non-support of a wife's child. No disposition available.

  
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Sheriff's Office  
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The files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were checked on February 5, 1973 and disclosed the following information for the subject:



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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD Shreveport La	Dennis J Banks #20298	1-21-55	sim crim dam	2-7-55 Alsch
PD Minneapolis Minn	Dennis James Banks #47315	2-14-59	inv (strong arm robb)	Rel
PD Mpls Minn	Dennis James Banks #47315	3-3-66	inv (burg)	
Pr Stillwater Minn	Dennis James Banks #22695	4-19-66	burg	5 yrs Paroled 4-3-67 Paroled 5-14-68
USM Minneapolis Minn	Dennis James Banks #12,522	11-21-67	forgery of govt check 18 USC 495	Alsch 12-9-68
SPR Stillwater Minn	Dennis James Banks #22695	12-15-67	PV no added charges.	
USM Mpls Minn	Dennis James Banks #5221	5-21-71	18 USC 1382 trespassing on Naval Installa- tion	11-9-71 Disch
PD Mpls Minn	Dennis James Banks #4 7 315	9-4-71	Inv Aggravated Damage to Prop	
PD Mpls Minn	Dennis James Banks #4 7 315	9-4-71	inv agg damage to prop	

Notations indicated by \* ARE NOT BASED ON FINGERPRINTS IN FBI files. The notations are based on d formerly furnished this Bureau concerning individuals of the same or similar names or aliases and ARE LIST ONLY AS INVESTIGATIVE LEADS.

Physical Description

Subject is described as follows:

Race	American Indian
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	April 12, 1937
Place of Birth	Federal Dam, Minnesota
Height	5'11"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Black, long
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Copper
Build	Medium
Scars and Marks	Tattoo - "Japan 54-57" - right upper arm
	"Dagger" right forearm
	Left arm - Social Security Account Number "502-28-0630" and spade
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Military Number	Air Force 703-557-0251
Minneapolis Police Department Number	47315

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ASSOCIATION WITH THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Membership

DENNIS JAMES BANKS is currently a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM), at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Activities

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On March 20, 1973, a reprinted news article by John E. Peterson entitled "Wounded Knee - Another Side of the Story", appeared in the United States Senate's Congressional Records, stating in part, in the early Fall of 1972, the Office of Economic Opportunity, (OEO) Investigators, who were investigating the American Indian Movement (AIM), and its alleged misuse of (OEO) funds for their "survival schools", determined from "people close to the group", that although DENNIS BANKS claimed to be a co-founder of AIM, in reality, local White and Black radicals were the real impetus behind the creation of the movement. When leaders of these local militant factions, the article stated, decided to organize a militant Indian group, they chose DENNIS BANKS as one of the Indians to head it.

The article also stated that BANKS, when AIM was first started, and other leaders were going around making statements about how AIM was going to be "The Indians Black Panthers".

On May 7, 1969, in an article entitled "New Indian Leaders Seeking Pride, Unity," which appeared in the Minneapolis Star, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a daily newspaper of general circulation, described BANKS as the Chairman of the Minneapolis Indian Dance Club". The paper quoted BANKS as stating that he "believed in separatism, not segregation and that the Indian ferment will grow during the summer." He was also quoted as stating "they met with police brutality and landlords who won't make repairs and they are just itching for a fight", and predicted a confrontation with the city administration this summer. "The Indians are going to light the torch and the administration is going to have to back up and rethink its policy towards Indians or something is going to happen."

On August 11, 1969, in an article entitled "Indians Demand Evangelists Stop Brainwashing Them" which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune BANKS and other leaders of AIM issued several challenges and demands to the United States Congress on Evangelism which was meeting at that time. BANKS and other AIM leaders were reported as seeking support of Indian efforts by having the evangelists influence legislation, working for adequate housing and meeting other needs determined by the Indians. He also wanted this religious group to condemn criminal practices and acts by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and aid in restructuring the BIA to serve both urban and reservation Indians.

BANKS stated in the article, "Indians Must Take A Stand Against Anglo-Saxon Religions", which have turned our fathers and their fathers into selling out their lands that not only belong to them but to us and our unborn generations."

On February 4, 1969, MP T-1 advised that BANKS with other AIM members and local Black militant leaders

[redacted] in order that Negroes and Indians be given jurisdiction to handle people of their own races within their residential areas.

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On August 19, 1969, MP T-1 advised [redacted]

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[redacted] Source advised, however, that he does not feel that BANKS or the others would take such action and bring these plans to fruition.

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On August 4, 1970, in an article entitled "At College in Sioux Falls Indian Seizure of Dormitory Assailed" which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune, described BANKS, AIM Chairman, as one of the 120 militant Indians who occupied a building at Augustana College, "to force the nation's three major Lutheran churches to meet their financial commitments to the Indian board." AIM presented a challenge in 1969, the article stated, to provide the Indian board, an AIM sponsored group, with \$750,000 a year, or the equivalent of \$1 for each American Indian.

On May 16, 1971, [redacted] United States Naval Air Station, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, advised that BANKS was one of the leaders of 200 militant Indians who occupied the "decommissioned base", stating that the Indians desire to "establish Indian culture units on the premises". [redacted] reported that a temporary agreement was worked out and no arrests or violence was encountered.

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In conjunction with above incident, United States Marshal [redacted] advised on September 9, 1971 that DENNIS BANKS was among 16 Indians who were arrested for trespassing at the United States Naval Air Station, Fort Snelling, Minnesota on May 21, 1971. He advised that two United States Marshals were injured during the confrontation and on June 22, 1971 BANKS, with others, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, St. Paul, Minnesota, on three counts each of Assaulting a Federal Officer, in violation of Title 18, Section 111, United States Code.

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On October 19, 1971, MP T-2 advised that BANKS participated a year ago with representatives of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) in a demonstration at Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) at Sandstone, Minnesota on October 2, 1971 which attracted between 100-150 persons.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) was founded during June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan, and in the 1960s functioned as the leading New Left campus-based student organization in the United States. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy," SDS moved to a radical-revolutionary position, with debate centering on how best to create a revolutionary youth movement. Internal factionalism produced a split during the SDS National Convention in June, 1969, which resulted in the following three factions:

Weatherman; Worker Student Alliance (WSA) and Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM). The Weatherman and RYM are no longer affiliated with SDS. The WSA continued to use the name SDS and maintains its national headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts.

Weatherman, formerly a faction of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), controlled the SDS National Office from June, 1969, until its closing in February, 1970. Weatherman then entered an underground status and adopted a tactic of "Strategic sabotage," with police and military installations designated as primary targets.

Worker Student Alliance (WSA), a faction of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), was expelled from SDS in June, 1969, by the then dominant Weatherman faction, but continued to use the name SDS and opened an office in Cambridge, Massachusetts. WSA aligned ideologically with the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and, in February, 1971, moved to Chicago, Illinois, where it opened the SDS National Office at 1225 South Wabash Street.

RYM, a pro-Communist revolutionary youth organization, was organized in 1969, first as a faction within the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), then as a separate group with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. RYM was unsuccessful in attracting support and by mid-1970 it was practically defunct.

The Progressive Labor Party (PLP) founded in 1965 by former members of the CPUSA, who assertedly followed a Chinese Communist line, is a revolutionary

Marxist-Leninist organization  
dedicated to a dictatorship of the  
working class.

In captioned article BANKS stated "Indians are victims of racism" which appeared in the Minneapolis Star on January 23, 1973. He charged that "Black racism was discriminating against Minneapolis area Indians." BANKS, the article reported, was then Vice Chairman of the Hennepin County Anti-Poverty Board, but announced his resignation from that organization at a press conference. According to the article, he blamed his action on the inadequate management of the program. He also charged that the Mobilization of Economic Resources (MOER) ran a Black orientated program that had discriminated against Indian programs under its jurisdiction. The article reported that BANKS advised that AIM was started about a year ago with him as its Chairman. The article reported that officials of the Anti-Poverty Program denied BANKS' allegations.

On February 25, 1970, captioned article "Indians Enter City Politics Win Several GOP Precinct Posts" reported that members of AIM and Indians were elected to the Sixth Precinct in delegate offices. BANKS was reported as stating that the Indians were "trying to beat the politicians at their own game because the Indians have been a political football for years and now we are going to try to make the politicians work for the Indians." The paper reported that BANKS was elected Chairman and Delegate in the 13th Precinct. BANKS was further quoted as stating "we are finding out where the power is in politics."

On October 15, 1971, captioned article "Indians Form Foundation for National Unity", which appeared in the Washington Post, Washington, D. C., a published daily of general circulation, described BANKS as a co-founder of AIM, whose purpose was to create a "grass roots national impact organization", he predicted AIM would become. The article stated, some 100 delegates from 11 cities would attend a meeting at Camp Owendigo, Minnesota, which was the first national convention of AIM, to adopt a charter and bylaws for a non-profit corporation that would service their present 18 chapters. The article emphasized that BANKS and other AIM representatives, stressed presenting a united Indian front, advocating

self determination and indicated that demonstrations and seizures of Federal property would be deemphasized. Instead, the article reported, AIM would seek massive funding from foundations, church groups, and Government including the BIA.

On March 21, 1972, in captioned article "Banks reports Leech Lake Eviction Plans," which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune, BANKS called for the eviction of 4000 non-Indians from the five resort communities of Leech Lake Indian Reservation to "serve as a challenge to the court system, World law, and the United States Court." BANKS was quoted as stating, "AIM was on a collision course with the Declaration of Independence." BANKS then called for the creation of Indian sovereign nation out of "317 Indian reservations or pieces of land classed as trust property across the nation".

BANKS was further quoted as saying "That the BIA is the enemy of the Indian and must be destroyed and replaced by an Indian nation with full sovereign rights."

On April 26, 1972, BANKS in captioned article entitled "Indians Ask Probe of 100 Complaints" which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune, advised that 100 complaints among 2,755 involving "Racial discrimination, mistreatment, and mismanagement of the midwest Indians" were collected by a 'red-ribboned Grand Jury' which held 50 days of hearings in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, and Colorado". BANKS advised that these hearings were prompted by an alleged beating of an Indian in Gordon, Nebraska. The article advised that BANKS said that these complaints were given to AIM through secret testimony by Indians "who feared for their lives," and that some of these complaints involved "graft and corruption" by officials of the BIA.

BANKS was reported as stating that AIM plans to hold its national convention at Leech Lake Indian Reservation, Cass Lake, Minnesota on May 10-15, 1973.

On May 11, 1972, captioned article, "AIM To Tolerate No More Abuse," described BANKS as carrying a pistol and flanked by shotgun toting guards in Cass Lake, Minnesota, with him warning that "AIM would not be responsible for any non-Indian person, including the Governor, who comes into the area attempting to start trouble". BANKS, in the article, was billed as the



National President of AIM and it was noted that at this six-day convention, AIM for the first time openly displayed firearms and threatened to use them.

On May 11, 1972, captioned article "Tension Spreads in Cass Lake Area" which appeared in the St. Paul Dispatch, St. Paul, Minnesota, a published daily of general circulation, BANKS was described as arriving to speak with five heavily armed guards in tow and that "weapons were in sight every where." BANKS advised that we would give our lives to our people and that America must be dealt a lesson she will never forget."

On May 14, 1972, captioned article "AIM Leader Offers to Resign in Roadblock Dispute," which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune, BANKS, as the National Director of AIM, offered to resign because local Cass Lake, Minnesota, Indian leaders, wanted to remove the armed Indian blockades from the reservation, to prevent a confrontation between Indians and non-Indians. BANKS who advocated the roadblocks, later reconsidered his resignation when he received a "vote of confidence" from the National Board of Directors of AIM.

On July 13, 1972, [redacted] [redacted] Judicial, Prevention and Enforcement Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that DENNIS BANKS is a principal leader of AIM in the Twin City area and is an advocate of violence.

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A pamphlet entitled "American Indian Movement (AIM)," which was published by the Minneapolis Chapter of AIM around late 1969, attempted to explain the organization and purposes of the movement to the public and listed DENNIS BANKS as Chairman of its Board of Directors.

On August 30, 1972, MP T-3 advised that BANKS participated in a disruption against the Republican Party's National Convention in Miami, Florida, on August 21-24, 1972. Source advised [redacted]  
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On January 19, 1973, [redacted] [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pine Ridge, South Dakota, advised that BANKS was to stand trial on February 14, 1973 in Tribal Court for disobedience of Tribal Court restraining order, forbidding him to engage in unlawful assembly on the reservation.

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On October 5, 1971, captioned article "Caravans to Protest Neglect of Indians" which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune, advised that BANKS was leading a caravan, which was one of seven, beginning a trip across the United States and Canada to Washington, D. C., to protest the common mistreatment and neglect of the American Indian." The article also reported that BANKS had recently resigned as Executive Director of AIM, to direct its field operations. The article advised that the caravan hoped to pick up thousands of Indians along the way on their "Trail of Broken Treaties."

On October 25, 1972, captioned article "200 Indians Protest at BIA Office, Group Plans Washington Trip to Take Grievances to Nixon," which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune, advised that BANKS was one of the leaders of a large group of Indians who occupied Minneapolis Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to determine if the Bureau was "officially opposed to the caravan known as the "Trail of Broken Treaties." BANKS, the article advised, demanded that the local Commissioner of the BIA call Washington and "get an answer."

On December 18, 1972 [redacted] [redacted] Judicial, Prevention and Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), advised that DENNIS BANKS was a co-organizer of AIM in late 1968 and that BANKS advocated direct confrontation with authority. He advised that BANKS is currently a National Coordinator of Field Operations for AIM.

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In the early Winter, 1973 (January), edition of Akwesasne Notes, "the official publication of the Mohawk Nation," BANKS was given a considerable amount of media coverage by this paper, which devoted the bulk of this edition to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Building takeover in Washington, D. C. during 1972. BANKS was quoted numerous times and was singled out by the paper as being a principal leader in the occupation. The paper indicated that BANKS was a chief organizer of the caravan that arrived in Washington, D. C. and was involved in the erection of hasty defenses utilized by the Indians at the BIA Building. The paper also reported that BANKS backed the destruction of the BIA Building if the Government would not satisfy the demands of AIM.

A series of articles which appeared in the Idaho State Journal, the evening newspaper of Pocatello, Idaho which covered a period from December 12-22, 1972, advised that BANKS appeared in that city shortly after the BIA Building takeover of Washington, D. C., and spoke to an Indian student association describing himself as a caravan chairman responsible for the "Trail of Broken Treaties" and its results.

The paper reported that BANKS threatened the local high school with a class action suit and demonstration" because of the offensive use of the word "Indians" and the name of their mascot used for school functions. The article also advised that BANKS condemned "White Christianity, Education and the BIA". BANKS also reportedly espoused violence and demonstrations stating "The Indian wars have not ended."

The articles also advised that BANKS defended the BIA, Washington, D. C., takeover and briefly discussed the stolen documents, characterizing them as an indictment against big business and the BIA who constantly cheat the Indian.

On January 24, 1973, JOHN MANKE, Sheriff, Fall River County, Hot Springs, South Dakota, advised that on the same date, BANKS accompanied by others appeared at his office and asked questions regarding the recent stabbing of an Indian by a White man at Buffalo Gap, Minnesota. MANKE advised that he told BANKS that he did not have any authority regarding the matter, because it had taken place in a neighboring county. MANKE advised that BANKS stated that "apparently there are not enough policemen in that area to protect the Indian people from the White people." MANKE also advised that BANKS made inquiries as to how many police were at Buffalo Gap and Hot Springs, South Dakota. He advised that BANKS and his group made no demands or threats and that when they left his office they proceeded down the streets of Hot Springs periodically stopping to talk to Indians.

On February 7, 1973, the Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, South Dakota, a published daily of general circulation, carried an article captioned "Three Indians, Eight Officers Reported Hurt," advised that DENNIS BANKS had participated in a "melee" at Custer, South Dakota which resulted in the arson of the Chamber of Commerce Building and attempted arson of the Custer County Court House. The article reported that the confrontation was over the killing of an Indian by a White man.

On February 8, 1973, ERNIE PEPIN, Sheriff, Custer County, Custer, South Dakota, advised that DENNIS BANKS surrendered himself on February 8, 1973 and was charged with three felony counts, two counts of arson, and one count of riot in connection with this confrontation by AIM at Custer, South Dakota on February 6, 1973.

On March 8, 1973, in an article entitled "Indians Expect Assault by United States" which appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, published daily of general circulation, DENNIS BANKS was depicted as one of the main leaders involved in the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota and that he had made a nationwide appeal for Indians and sympathizers to assist in defending the town against Federal officers, whom BANKS predicted would launch an attack in the near future.

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On February 27, 1973, members of the American Indian Movement (AIM), with non-Indian supporters, seized hostages and by force of arms, occupied the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, during which parts of the town were burned and ransacked, six members of AIM were wounded, two fatally, two federal officers were wounded, one permanently paralyzed, in several exchanges of gunfire between occupants and surrounding Government forces. On May 8, 1973, the occupation ended by the surrender of the remaining occupants. More than 200 arrests were made in connection with the occupation.

On March 20, 1973, [redacted] United States District Court for the District of South Dakota, Western Division, advised that DENNIS JAMES BANKS was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, same date, for the following violations: Nine counts burglary, larceny, impeding Federal officers during a civil disorder, conspiracy to commit burglary and larceny, Assaulting a Federal Officer, and possession of unregistered firearms. [redacted] advised that a bench warrant was issued on March 28, 1973 by the Clerk of Court, United States District Court, for the District of South Dakota, Western Division, for the arrest of BANKS on the above charges and bail was fixed at \$50,000 Surety Bond.

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On May 2, 1973, MP T-6 advised that BANKS was employed by Minneapolis Honeywell, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 22, 1968 to May 6, 1970 as a job placement officer on the Employment Relations Staff to recruit minorities for the corporation's work force. He advised that BANKS

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[redacted] BANKS attended the Pipestone Indian School, Bemidji High School, Bemidji, Minnesota and was in the United States Air Force from April 15, 1954 to April 12, 1958, receiving an honorable discharge and attained the rank of Airman Second Class.

On May 3, 1973, MP T-7 advised that he had heard through the Indian community, Minneapolis, that BANKS is becoming increasingly unpopular with the majority of AIM leaders because of his "almost obsessive and inflexible" stand on violence and was "off in the woods somewhere with a small band of followers." Source also advised that BANKS allegedly has made preparations in Canada for a hiding place and would possibly be seeking sanctuary among dissident Canadian Indian elements.

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On March 9, 1973, captioned article, "Wounded Knee Accord Nears," which appeared in the St. Louis Dispatch, a published daily of general circulation, advised that BANKS, in Wounded Knee, South Dakota, said "his group would act with restraint," while an "agreement in principle" was being arrived at between United States Government negotiators and the militant Indians holding the hamlet of Wounded Knee.

The article advised that prior to the announcement of a cease fire going into effect an intense exchange of gunfire took place.

DENNIS BANKS, commenting on the issue of whether or not the estimated 250 Indians controlling the village would lay down their weapons said, "If we leave without weapons we might get stepped on. We won't leave in any way that is dishonorable, that costs dishonor on Indians."

BANKS also said "the second issue was Indian submission to FBI interrogation upon leaving and consenting to being driven 150 miles from Pine Ridge."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 15, 1973

Title DENNIS JAMES BANKS

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Reference Minneapolis Report of SA [redacted] b6  
[redacted] dated and captioned as above. b7c

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed  
in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, dated 5/22/73,  
captioned "Key Extremist Program."

Investigation has established that BANKS is a principal leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM). During February, 1973, BANKS was one of the leaders of a group of Indians that engaged in civil disturbances at Custer and Rapid City, South Dakota. He was also one of the leaders and original occupants in the occupation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota from February 27 to May 8, 1973.

BANKS has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of burglary, larceny, impeding Federal officers during a civil disorder, conspiracy to commit burglary and larceny, assaulting a Federal officer, and possession of unregistered firearms.

BANKS has been recommended for ADEX.

In accordance with instructions in referenced airtel, it is recommended that BANKS be designated a key extremist.

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Special Agent in Charge

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7:35PM NITEL 7/13/73 LDM

TO DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS

OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM LOS ANGELES (70-7456)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM.

SOURCE ONE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT  
SPOKE AT AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT IN LOS ANGELES 7/11/73.  
ADVISED HE WILL BE HOLDING A CONFERENCE AT CUSTER, SOUTH  
DAKOTA PRIOR TO NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT  
CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR 7/25/73 THROUGH 8/7/73 NEAR  
WHITEOAK, OKLAHOMA. SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED BY   
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT ATTORNEY WHO ADVISED HE WAS  
IN THE PROCESS OF ORGANIZING A TEAM OF INTERNATIONAL  
ATTORNEYS TO EXAMINE TREATY OBLIGATIONS OF UNITED  
STATES GOVERNMENT IN TREATIES WITH AMERICAN INDIANS.  
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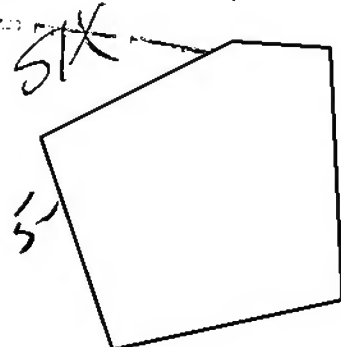
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SOURCE TWO, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST ADVISED SUBJECT APPEARED ON 7/13/73 AT  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES AND SPOKE  
BRIEFLY REGARDING AMERICAN INDIAN GREVIENCES.

LOS ANGELES WILL FOLLOW SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES  
IN LOS ANGELES AND SUBMIT APPROPRIATE LHM.

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Date: 7/12/73

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-6864) (P)  
 SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
 EM - AIM  
 OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Milwaukee nitel to Bureau dated 7/10/73.

On 7/11/73, St. Paul, Minnesota, State Department of Motor Vehicles checks revealed that 1973 Minnesota License [redacted] is registered to [redacted]

On 7/11/73, [redacted] Real Property Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that subject owns five fractions of individual interest, property, in the Leach Lake, Minnesota, and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Indian reservation areas, which were inherited from deceased heirs. He advised that the BIA would permit BANKS to obtain a patent in fee (taxable status) and sell to whomever he chose, only if he could buy out all other owners of tracts that adjoined his interest. [redacted] advised that BANKS could sell his allotment to any existing original co-owner, for a price less than current market value. He advised that subject can gift deed his allotment only to a linear descendant or relative. If the land was held in trust by the BIA, he advised the Secretary of the Interior.

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would not permit its sale or gift deed. [ ] advised that although not impossible, it would be extremely difficult for BANKS to sell or give any of his land to a non-Indian.

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AT DULUTH, MINNESOTA

Will identify [ ] and determine if associated with the American Indian Movement (AIM).

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TO DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS

OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM LOS ANGELES (70-7456) 1P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM- AIM.

RE LOS ANGELES NITEL TO THE BUREAU DATED 7-13-73.

SOURCE ONE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION

IN THE PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT DEPARTED  
LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 7PM 7-15-73, EN ROUTE TO  
RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN AS EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN  
ANY EXTREMIST ACTIVITY ON HIS PART. LHM WILL FOLLOW.

ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE ONE IS

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cc-AAG Criminal Division

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TO DIRECTOR 100-46248 ATTN: INTD

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FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 2P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, CIR - BURGLARY, EM-AIM OKLA CITY  
FILE 157-1555

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM), NATIONAL CONVENTION, WHITE OAK,  
OKLAHOMA 7/25-8/5/73, EM - AIA. OKLA CITY FILE 157-1469

ON 7/28/73 A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT DENNIS BANKS IS TO ARRIVE AT TULSA INTER-  
NATIONAL AIRPORT, TULSA, OKLAHOMA IN THE AM OF 7/29/73 AIRLINES  
AND ARRIVAL TIME UNKNOWN.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT ONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAY BE WANTED FOR INVOLVEMENT AT WOUNDED KNEE. [REDACTED]

HAS BEEN AT AIM CONVENTION, WHITE OAK, OKLAHOMA AND IS CURRENTLY  
EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IS BELIEVED TO RESIDE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES VINITA, WHITE OAK, AND TULSA BEING APPRISED  
ARRIVAL OF BANKS. [REDACTED] SOURCES HAVE BEEN ALERTED CONCERNING ARRIVAL.

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[REDACTED] CONCEALED BY REQUEST.

CHICAGO AND MINNEAPOLIS DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] A  
FUGITIVE, IF SO ADVISE ST. LOUIS.

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FOR INFO OF BUREAU, REURTEL 7/28/73, WITH AIM CAPTION  
AS ABOVE.

SOURCES OTHER THAN [REDACTED] WHO ATTENDED SAME MEETING AS

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADDITIONAL SOURCES BEING ALERTED AND AS INFORMATION DEVELOPED  
VERIFYING OR NEGATING INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] 0  
THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED. (S) (U)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *ALM* SAC, LOS ANGELES (70-7456) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM-AIM  
OO: Minneapolis

DATE: 8/7/73

Re Los Angeles nitels on 7/13, 16, 19/73 *may 1973*

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned individual with two copies of an FD-376 stapled thereto. One copy of this LHM is being enclosed for Minneapolis in view of their investigative interest in the matter. One copy of this LHM is being disseminated to Secret Service, Los Angeles, in view of subject's affiliation with an organization which has indicated a propensity for violence.

Sources utilized in the attached LHM are as follows:

Source One

[Redacted]

Source Two  
Nonsymbolized source,  
set forth separately

Source Three

[Redacted]

Source Four

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Source Five

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc 5) (RM)  
1 - Minneapolis (Enc 1) (RM)  
2 - Lps Angeles

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue to contact sources to determine if subject returns to Los Angeles and whether or not National American Indian Movement Headquarters is relocated in Los Angeles.

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Source Two

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

LA 70-7456

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Los Angeles, California  
August 7, 1973

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

This investigation is based on information which indicates the subject is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2383 (Rebellion and Insurrection) or Section 384 (Seditious Conspiracy), as indicated hereafter.

The subject has been identified as being actively involved in militant activities of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

Since January 1973, AIM has been actively involved in demonstrations and violent confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City and Custer areas of South Dakota. From February 27, 1973, through May 8, 1973, AIM leaders and members and their supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms taking a number of the community residents as hostages. Before surrendering to Federal authorities they engaged in numerous violent and destructive acts and gun fire was exchanged with Federal authorities resulting in the death of two of the insurgents.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Unless otherwise noted sources utilized in this document have furnished reliable information in the past.

On July 10, 1973, source one advised that the Los Angeles Chapter of the AIM was planning to hold a meeting at the American Indian Cultural Center, 600 South New Hampshire, Los Angeles, on July 11, 1973, and that Dennis Banks was scheduled to be the guest speaker.

The AIM is a militant American Indian organization with chapters throughout the United States. Dennis Banks is a national leader of AIM.

On July 10, 1973, source two who has furnished insufficient information, to determine reliability, advised that on July 10, 1973, Dennis Banks, [redacted] and

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Source two also indicated that while in Los Angeles, Banks planned to speak at a meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter of AIM at 7:00 p.m., on July 11, 1973.

On July 11, 1973, source three advised that Banks appeared at the meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter of AIM on July 11, 1973, which was attended by approximately 75 to 100 individuals. Banks spoke briefly on the American Indian problem, but indicated that future efforts on the part of AIM would be along "legal lines." He indicated that he was holding a meeting at Custer, South Dakota, prior to the National AIM conference scheduled to be held from July 25, 1973, through August 7, 1973, near White Oak, Oklahoma.

[redacted] an AIM attorney accompanied Banks at the meeting and spoke briefly regarding his efforts to organize a team of attorneys to further efforts to settle Indian disputes with the Federal government through legal channels. He indicated that to date \$500,000 had been collected for legal fees, including bail bonds and that an

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additional \$15,000 was needed to free three individuals arrested as a result of the Wounded Knee confrontation who were still incarcerated.

On July 13, 1973, source four furnished the following

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On July 19, 1973, source four advised that Banks spoke at a rally at the Southeast Indian Center, Huntington Park, California, on July 18, 1973. His speech was centered around the events of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and he was accompanied by Carter Camp, also a national AIM leader.

On July 24, 1973, source five advised that Banks appeared at a demonstration sponsored by the committee to free Los Tres on July 22, 1973, in Los Angeles.

The committee to free Los Tres was organized to raise funds for an appeal in the case of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
referred to as, "Los Tres" convicted in November 1971, of assaulting a Federal officer.

Source five advised that the above demonstration was attended by approximately 700 people, and that most of the speeches delivered by other speakers were directed toward Mexican-American grievances. Banks spoke briefly and indicated that AIM would be supporting the boycott of Safeway Stores who sell produce not picked by members of the United Farm Workers union which was organized by [REDACTED]

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2:26 PM URGENT 9/4/73 JLL

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-346) (P)2P

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Director Sec'y ☒

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS PHONE CALL TO BUREAU 9/4/73.

ON 9/2/73 SUBJECT APPEARED ON ST. PAUL, MINN., TV STATION KSTP (AN AFFILIATE OF NBC), ON A PROGRAM CALLED "THE CHARLEY MC CARTY SHOW", WHICH IS BROADCAST LOCALLY TO THE MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA. THIS SHOW WAS PREVIOUSLY TAPED ON THURSDAY EVENING. 8/30/73.

DURING MC CARTY'S INTERVIEW OF BANKS, THE SUBJECT REFERRED TO A NUMBER OF ATTEMPTED CITIZENS ARRESTS WHICH WERE MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WOUNDED KNEE LEGAL DEFENSE/OFFENSE COMMITTEE, AND SPECIFICALLY MADE REFERENCE TO "AGENT [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] STATING THAT THE FBI HAS FAILED TO MAKE HIM AVAILABLE FOR PROSECUTION. BANKS THEN APPEALED TO THE TELEVISION AUDIENCE, REQUESTING THAT ANYONE WHO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY SHOULD ARREST

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AGENT [ ] AND BRING HIM TO JUSTICE AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA.  
BANKS REPEATEDLY MADE REFERENCE TO THE FBI AS HARBORING [ ]  
AND THAT [ ] WAS CURRENTLY A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

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## Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 9/5/73

You have previously been advised about members of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee (WKLODC) at Rapid City, South Dakota, harassing our Agents working in that area. On 8/6/73 members of the WKLODC attempted to make a citizen's arrest of SA [ ] and a local arrest warrant was subsequently issued. [ ] had already returned to San Francisco, his office of assignment.

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Attached indicates on 9/2/73 Dennis Banks, national executive director of the American Indian Movement (AIM), appeared on a local St. Paul, Minnesota, television program and referred to the citizen's arrest of [ ] Banks said the FBI has failed to make [ ] available for prosecution and requested anyone in the television audience, who had the opportunity, to arrest [ ] and bring him to justice at Rapid City.

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Pertinent portions of the attached are being furnished to the Criminal Division of the Justice Department (Internal Security and General Crimes Sections).

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SAC, Minneapolis (157-846)

September 13, 1973

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Director, FBI (157-29309)

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EM - AIM

KEY EXTREMIST

Subject has been designated as a Key Extremist (KE). As you are aware, the purpose of the KE program is to intensify coverage of selected extremists throughout the U.S. who pose the greatest potential for revolutionary activity. The objective of this program is to develop complete and detailed information on their day-to-day activities and future plans.

Review of subject's file at FBIHQ indicates a great deal of investigation remains to be conducted in this matter. Promptly institute investigation to comply with instructions relative to the KE program as set forth in the Manual of Instructions, Section 122(5).

Keep FBIHQ advised on a 90-day basis of investigation being conducted. In view of subject's capacity as a national leader of AIM, the Denver Office (office of origin for AIM), should be kept aware of subject's activities.

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**NOTE:** Subject is a national leader of the American-Indian Movement. He was involved in AIM activities at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and is under Federal indictment as a result of his activities there. Inasmuch as the subject is a KE, Minneapolis is being instructed to insure investigation complies with instructions in the Manual of Instructions.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	DATE <b>9/17/73</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>6/14 - 9/12/73</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>DENNIS JAMES BANKS</b>		REPORT MADE BY [redacted]	TYPED BY <b>cmk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>EM - AIM (KEY EXTREMIST)</b>	

## REFERENCE

Minneapolis report of SA [redacted] dated 5/15/73.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

This investigation is based on information which indicates the subject is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) or 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), as indicated hereafter. The subject has been identified as being actively

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APPROVED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE						DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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Agency	[redacted]					[redacted]	
Request Recd.	[redacted]					[redacted]	
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By	[redacted]					[redacted]	

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involved in militant activities of the AIM. Since January, 1973, AIM has been actively involved in demonstrations and violent confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City and Custer areas of South Dakota. From February 27 through May 8, 1973, AIM leaders and members and their supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms taking a number of the community's residents as hostages. Before surrendering to Federal authorities, they engaged in numerous violent and destructive acts and gunfire was exchanged with Federal authorities resulting in the death of two of the insurgents.

A copy of this report is being furnished U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>File Where Located</u>
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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will continue to follow activities of subject.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 9/14/71.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
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7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)  
of activities at Wounded Knee, it is considered inadvisable to interview subject.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☐ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)
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File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 17, 1973

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United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EXTREMIST MATTER -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT -  
(KEY EXTREMIST)

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☒ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
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5. ☒ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director~~CONFIDENTIAL~~1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service Minneapolis, Minnesota

Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)

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Copy to: 1 - U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota (RM)

Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: September 17, 1973Office: Minneapolis,  
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Field Office File # 157-846

Bureau File #: 157-29309

Title: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTER -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (KEY EXTREMIST)Synopsis: Subject, who is currently the Executive Director of AIM, has been indicted for activities at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and is presently free on bond. His activities with AIM are set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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## DETAILS:

On February 6, 1973, DENNIS JAMES BANKS, National Field Director for the American Indian Movement (AIM), along with other members of AIM, was involved in a disturbance at Custer, South Dakota.

~~Classified by [REDACTED]  
Exempt from GDS, Category 2  
Date of Declassification: Indefinite~~

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The articles of incorporation, of the American Indian Movement (AIM), were filed with the Minnesota Secretary of State, St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 1, 1968, and stated that the purpose of this corporation is to solicit and broaden opportunities and general welfare for the urban Indians in order that he may enjoy his full rights as a citizen of these United States, also his special rights as an Aborigine.

On December 18, 1972, [redacted] [redacted] Judicial, Prevention and Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that the American Indian Movement (AIM) claims to be an Indian civil rights organization whose stated purpose is to enhance the social, education, and economic status of Indians. In reality, however, [redacted] advised AIM is a militant organization and its leaders believe in direct confrontation with authority.

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During this disturbance, the Custer County Court House received extensive damage and the Custer Chamber of Commerce Building, a small log cabin, was burned to the ground. Members of the South Dakota State Highway Patrol were injured when they attempted to quell this disturbance. Witnesses at Custer, South Dakota, reported that DENNIS BANKS attempted to commandeer a truck loaded with 9,000 gallons of gasoline.

On April 10, 1973, DENNIS BANKS was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on a charge of interfering with a motor vehicle involved in interstate commerce.

BANKS was also involved in the takeover of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

On February 27, 1973, members of AIM, with non-Indian supporters, seized hostages and by force of arms, occupied the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, during which parts of the town were burned and ransacked, six members of AIM were wounded, two fatally, two Federal officers were wounded, one permanently paralyzed, in several exchanges of gunfire between occupants and surrounding Government forces. On May 8, 1973, the occupation ended by the surrender of the remaining occupants. More than 200 arrests were made in connection with the occupation.

As a result of BANKS' activities at Wounded Knee on March 20, 1973, he was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on charges of Crime on an Indian Reservation - Burglary, Larceny, Arson; Assaulting a Federal Officer; Impeding and Interfering with Federal Officers during the commission of a civil disorder; Unlawful Possession of Unregistered Firearms (specifically molotov cocktails); and Conspiracy. Also in connection with the Wounded Knee incident, BANKS was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on April 10, 1973, on two counts of Assaulting Federal Officers. This indictment was in connection with the shooting of an FBI Agent and a United States Marshal, who was partially paralyzed.

On June 25, 1973, BANKS surrendered himself to a Deputy U. S. Marshal and an FBI Agent at Rapid City, South Dakota, and immediately appeared before JAMES H. WILSON, U. S. Magistrate, Rapid City, South Dakota, who set bond at \$105,000. On June 28, 1973, BANKS was released on bond.

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MP T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 30, 1973, that BANKS was in attendance at the AIM National Convention at White Oak, Oklahoma, which was held during the period July 25 to August 5, 1973.

MP T-1 advised on August 4, 1973, that DENNIS BANKS, as Executive Director of AIM, is the most powerful, single leader within this movement.

The following article appeared in the "St. Paul Dispatch," a newspaper of general circulation, at St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 4, 1973:

"AIM Vows 10-Year  
Government Assault

"White Oak, Okla. The executive director of the American Indian Movement (AIM), said the organization will 'launch the greatest assault ever on this government.'

"DENNIS BANKS also outlined AIM's 10-year plan Friday to more than 500 Indians at the final session of AIM's two-week convention on a privately-owned farm near here, a small community 55 miles northeast of Tulsa, Okla.

"BANKS said the first phase of AIM's program, to last two years, consists of an evaluation of Indian treaties, and inventory of Indian resources and a review of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) actions.

"BANKS said AIM attorneys would file 'theft and corruption complaints against BIA officials. We will reveal acts of BIA terrorism.'

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"He said AIM would lobby the Congress and organized tribal governments to push for repeal of the 1934 law which established the federal agency.

"If AIM is not successful in its challenge 'through the system,' BANKS said AIM will force BIA employees off reservations in 1982.

"AIM has chosen July 3, 1976, the nation's 200th birthday, as the date it will cancel 'key contracts and leases,' call for free elections for all tribal positions, close BIA-operated schools and organize a boycott of businesses owned by non Indians on reservations, he said. The plan calls for establishing alternative schools by 1977.

"He said attorneys would renegotiate the business leases on terms more favorable to Indians and that court action would be taken to 'recapture Indian land and properties.'

"AIM will launce the greatest assault ever on this government,' BANKS said. 'We will use every available means. We will work aggressively.'"

On August 13, 1973, MP T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BANKS attended the Sioux Sun Dance ceremonies at Rosebud, South Dakota, on August 9, 1973.

On August 23, 1973, MP T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that DENNIS BANKS was in contact with [redacted] and instructed him to issue the following press release:

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"Des Moines, Iowa, DENNIS BANKS, National Director of the American Indian Movement, announced today that teamster activities throughout the nation have become oppressive and intolerable to Indians, Chicanos, and other groups who struggle for their rights. AIM is approaching all national tribal chairmen to cancel interstate commercial clauses which allow teamster-operated carriers access to Indian Reservation lands. AIM will restrict carriers to non teamster members. Furthermore, AIM will move to confiscate all teamster materials, equipment, and goods crossing Reservation borders. Current teamster repressive behavior including mistreatment and shooting of United Farm Workers in California is identical to Minnesota killings of the 30's in towns of Austin and Albert Lee. These teamster acts cannot be forgotten or continues to be tolerated. DENNIS J. BANKS, National Director, 515-282-5208."

MP T-3, on August 29, 1973, advised that BANKS instructed [ ] to issue the following press release:

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"From the Office of the National Executive Director: After meeting with principal witnesses surrounding shooting of CLYDE BELLECOURT, and after conferring with National AIM officials, it is the judgment of AIM that a major conspiracy exists both within and outside of the AIM organization to commit wholesale assassination against AIM leaders. Those included to be assassinated include: BELLECOURT, RUSSELL MEANS, DENNIS BANKS, and CROWDOG. This bizarre death plot was reported by reliable sources who have confessed and implied that a large sum of money was paid to carry out killings. It is the opinion of AIM that those traitors who have chosen to commit murder against other Indians must be dealt

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with by Indian law. It is also the opinion that any further attempts to complete the assassination plot will result in immediate retaliatory action. Because AIM officials have been gunned down all security personnel and state co-ordinator will convene a special Indian Grand Jury to determine further action. In view of jailing and bond revocation of CARTER CAMP, JOHN TRUEDELL, National AIM Co-Chairman, will assume full responsibilities of chairmanship.' National Executive Director DENNIS J. BANKS (605) 348-0122, National Press Secretary GEORGE C. ROBERTS, (213) 933-5843."

On the evening of September 2, 1973, subject was observed by a Special Agent of the FBI to appear as a guest on a St. Paul, Minnesota, television program, Local Station KSTP, called the "Charlie McCarty Show."

During this show, BANKS accused the Federal government of complicity in the shooting of AIM leader [REDACTED] and conspiracy to neutralize the effectiveness of AIM leaders.

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BANKS stated that he was in Denver, Colorado, when the shooting of [REDACTED] took place, and charged that Federal law enforcement authorities, along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), under the auspices of the Department of the Interior, continue a program of harassment.

BANKS told the audience that AIM plans on challenging the U. S. Government again in the near future.

BANKS, during the interview, accused the U. S. government of being responsible for the violence attributed to AIM, and likened the government support of the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Tribal Chairman to its support of the current South Vietnamese regime. BANKS stated that the whole country is "Wounded Knee."



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During the interview, BANKS stated that the American Indian tribes ultimately wished to become an independent nation, self-governing, and engage in treaties with foreign powers, while continuing to reside within the confines of the Western Hemisphere.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/10/73

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (70-7456)(RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau 8/7/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned individual with two copies of an FD 376 stapled thereto. One copy of this LHM is being furnished to Minneapolis Division in view of their interest in the subject. One copy is being furnished to Secret Service, Los Angeles, in view of the subject's affiliation with an organization which has indicated a propensity for violence.

The FBI employee who made a tape recording of the publicly aired television program was SE [REDACTED] Los Angeles.

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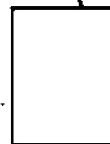
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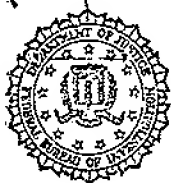
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

September 10, 1973

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File No.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EXTREMIST MATTERS -  
AMERICAN INDIAN  
MOVEMENT

On August 19, 1973, an employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Los Angeles, California, obtained a tape recorded copy of a publicly aired television program on which Banks, National Field Director, and Ramon *S.D.* Roubideaux, General-Consul-for-the American Indian-Movement, were guests. The program entitled, "Impacto" was aired in Los Angeles on August 19, 1973, on television channel 4, KNBC Television. The master of ceremonies for the program was not identified. The following is a transcription of the program:

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KNBC Ch. 4 "IMPACTO"  
"WOUNDED KNEE"

8/19/73  
1:30 p.m.

UNKNOWN MALE (UM):

Since 1672 the United States Government has signed 411 treaties with various Indian tribes, but Indians feel that many of these treaties have been broken, and it goes without saying that frustrations and anger that build up to Wounded Knee were long overdue. The film you are about to see depicts some of the anger and frustrations that occurred at Custer, South Dakota.

FILM.

UM:

Good afternoon this is (Unintelligible). This afternoon we're going to talk about Wounded Knee and what happened there and two people who are here to discuss it with us are Mr. Dennis Banks, who is National Field Director for the American Indian Movement and Mr. Ramon Roubideaux, General Consul for the American Indian Movement, welcome gentlemen to Impacto. Mr. Banks you were at Wounded Knee where there was a confrontation for 71 days between the massed forces of the United States

Government and the Indians  
of Wounded Knee. Are  
there likely to be more  
Wounded Knee type  
confrontations any time  
soon?

BANKS:

-I think before that this  
war ends that you will  
see 50 more Wounded  
Knee's happening all  
across this country.

UM:

You say a war, what war  
are you talking about?

BANKS:

I'm talking about the war,  
that, that this Government  
has declared against us  
since 1894, since the  
establishment of the  
Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
and since the creation  
of the Indian Re-Organization  
Act of 1934. Uhh these,  
these, these acts, policies  
which they have passed  
against the community without  
without Indian approval  
has, has cause untold misery  
and, and, and murder and death  
uhhh to happen on the reservation  
against Indian people and, and as long  
as conditions like that exist  
against Indian people and are condoned  
by the Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
a Government agency, I consider  
that to be an act of war. I  
considered it war against all  
Indian people by this Government.

UM:

Do you have plans right now for any other Wounded Knee type confrontations?

BANKS:

Uhh we have plans, of course, to straighten out all kinds of corruption on on a lot of reservations. Our plans of course, uhhh, don't include, you know, any, for any immediate uhhh, uhh physical a confrontation with this Government, but if the conditions call for it today, if it calls for it this very hour, a Wounded Knee could happen any place in the United, any place on ther reservation.

UM:

Mr. uhh (Unintelligible) when we talk about war, uhhh in the metorical (phonetic) sense, and also in the sense of confrontation between armed men, uhh you've talked about war in another sense, the legal sense, how do you justify the use of that term in the legal sense?

RAMON:

Uhhh we're confronted with a governmental system that has completely smothered the Indian people, smothered them so badly that even in our court system in many cases Indian people aren't receiving the consideration they should receive under the laws of this land. Consequently in defending our people,

who are accused of crimes  
in connection with the  
Wounded Knee confrontation,  
uhhh we are going to  
enlist the aid of many  
volunteer attorneys  
throughout the country.

UM:

Uh ummm.

RAMON:

To uhh launch a massive  
legal assault against  
the people who would  
deny these equal protections  
to us in the court system.

UM:

A little later on we'll  
ask you for an address  
that people can write  
to or a phone number if  
they want more information,  
but I think you also raise  
the matter of jurisdiction  
when we were talking earlier.  
The matter of jurisdiction  
over the uhh Indian uhh,  
uhhh nations geographic  
territories, do you want  
to do into that a little  
bit?

RAMON:

Well we feel that the  
treaty system of the  
treaties that were entered  
into by this Government  
with the Indian tribes  
throughout the United States  
were unilaterally cut off in  
1871, uhh and since that time  
a succession of congressional  
enactments have taken away from

the Indian people their right to govern themselves, have taken away many other things of monetary value, such as mineral rights, water rights, hunting and fishing rights, uhh their rights to compensation for uhh power lines to go across Indian lands. Many things like that were not given up in our treaties and we maintain today that despite unilateral action by the Congress of the United States in bit by bit taking away all of our sovereignty that we still from an international legal standpoint, we still have the status of sovereign nations and still are entitled to these rights of self-government.

UM:

So the martial law conditions for example at Wounded Knee with Federal Marshals on the reservation in your view constitute what? Invasion by a foreign power into your uhhh, into your national territory or what?

RAMON:

You could look at it that way, we feel that the actions of the Federal forces are not authorized, that they're illegal and that they're void. And that they have



no business coming on  
our reservation and  
brutalizing our people  
who are merely protecting  
their personal and property  
rights.

UM:

Mr. Banks is this a  
situation in which the,  
the contestant or the party  
with greater power of  
armed forces is going  
to prevail uhh is there  
any way, how can you  
possibly hope to fight  
the mass power of the  
United States Government  
with all of its uhhh,  
all of its armed forces,  
and all of its capability  
to mobilize force against  
you if it comes to that,  
how are you going to fight  
that?

BANKS:

Of course, militarily we  
we we couldn't last uhh  
more than one second  
against the, against this  
government in terms of use,  
in what they used against  
us at Wounded Knee, they  
used tanks, a .50 caliber  
machine guns, they used  
hand grenades, they used  
gas, everything that constitutes  
uhh you know, in in war material  
that they used against us,  
but we're going to have to  
approach this you know in a  
shotgun approach when using, of  
course, worldwide approach uhh

in gaining worldwide attention by trying to create an international treatie (Unintelligible) that would push you know are cases to the, to the world court, the other of course is to, to question the jurisdiction of, of, of that, this government, the United States Government on the, on the reservations of United States. I think that uhh a clear example of how their, their, their using the double system or the dual system of jutice against us, is a, is a, is a crime, uhuh whereby uhuh Indians uhuh I, I'm a member of the (Unintelligible) you know if I cross the border and went to Mexico to live I would become an alien to the United States Government, where, whereby I wouldn't become an alien to the (Unintelligible) nation I would still be a member of the (Unintelligible) tribe in, in, in, Minnesota or Wisconsin, or where ever it's at. And, and you know we have to answer some of these questions of jurisdiction and question the, the immigration laws here in the United States as they relate to Indian people.

UM:

Uh ummmmm.

BANKS:

And, and we have, you know if Indian people began to question the immigration laws themselves you know we would certainly be booting a lot of people out of this country who we felt were aliens.

UM:

Who are the aliens in this country?

BANKS:

Every non-Indian that is in this country.

UM:

That's a rhetorical question almost, so let me ask you, was, was Wounded Knee a planned situation or was it spontaneous as something that happened because of the conditions.

BANKS:

Uhhh Wounded Knee happened uhhh the February 27th action you know wasn't uhhh spontaneous, it, it was it, it, there was a series of events with which, and I can't go back six months or one year or five years and began to, to uhh find out what, you know where it started, but Wounded Knee began, you know in in 1934, with the Indian Reorganization Act, which gave and uhhh took the control of the, the self-government away from the chiefs, the traditional chiefs and headsmen and gave them to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, you know that was the beginning of Wounded Knee, the creation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs itself was was the beginning of Wounded Knee and, in 1849, you know I I can't say where Wounded Knee began, it

began in 1890 when, and when  
Federal troops massacred  
Indian people, you know  
at Wounded Knee, you know  
these, all of these things  
led up to the February 27th  
action and that's why  
I'm saying that, that, that,  
Wounded Knee can happen  
on any reservation right now,  
because the conditions,  
as a matter of fact the  
conditions at Wounded Knee  
have gotten worse, you know  
they, they, they've declared martial  
law on the reservation, uhhhh  
United States Marshals on, on  
the reservation, FBI Agents on,  
on the reservation, you know we  
have to begin to question these  
people, you know and their real  
intent because they're trying to  
destroy the (Unintelligible)  
Civil Rights Organization from  
impeaching that president.

UM:

Uh ummmmm.

BANKS:

You know the same kind of  
problem that what's going  
across in this government  
today, you know they're trying  
to uhhhh they found grounds  
to impeach President NIXON.  
We have found grounds to  
impeach, you know President  
WILSON.

UM:

President WILSON.

BANKS:

You know, but nobody's going  
to do it, you know because  
this government is using all of

its material strength, all of its technical strength to provide or to prevent any kind of impeachment proceedings from happening, that's what happening at Wounded Knee, that's what happening and all across this reser; all, every reservation.

UM:

Do you think that the confrontation at Wounded Knee was a mistake looking back on it now?

BANKS:

I think that it was a mistake that we ended it.

UM:

(Unintelligible) continued that confrontation.

BANKS:

Because this government did not live up to the treaty that they signed May 5th, or May 8th, or March 8th. The same trick they used on, on our chiefs back in, since they began signing the treaties. They used that same trick at Wounded Knee and we layed down our weapons, we, we surrendered and a, and a, two hours after the treaty was signed they began to file a, their own treaty, they began to use uhh dictatorial terms, they began to imprison our people, they began to harass us on the reservation and that continues today, and, and, and that same,

this government, you know is using the same trick, it used it at Wounded Knee, it'll use it again tomorrow, that's why I'm saying that, that Wounded Knee can happen again tomorrow or today, right this very hour.

UM:

Mr. Roubideaux is there anyway to enforce the treaty that was recently signed ending the confrontation of Wounded Knee, is there anyway you can get some equity into that treaty?

RAMON:

I think the only way that we're going to enforce those treaty provisions and receive any justice under them is for world opinion and also the opinion of the people of the United States that will force this government to live up to its obligations. Now that doesn't seem like a, a very immediate solution, however, its really all we have. Uhh for years the government has hidden from the American people its oppression and stealing from Indian people and the fact that 90 percent of the tax dollars go to bureaucrats, they live in the fine houses, they drive the fine cars and the great majority of our Indian people are living

in abject poverty.

UM: You're talking about  
the people who work  
for the Bureau of Indian  
Affairs for example.

RAMON: That's right.

UM: Yes, now uhh we before  
Wounded Knee there was  
another incident, a major  
incident, in, in Custer,  
South Dakota, and I, we  
have some film of that,  
and uhh, and uhh, I think  
we'd like to show that now.

RAMON: Fine.

FILM.

UM: Mr. Banks who've said  
that one of the ways  
in which you can combat  
the forces of the United  
States Government is by  
gaining uhh some broad  
support in the American  
people and in the whiter  
community. Do you feel  
that the events of Custer  
and the events of Wounded  
Knee have, have uhh strengthen  
your case, have gotten you  
more sympathy and more support  
than you had before these  
events took place, in the  
broader population. What has  
been your, your, your feeling  
about this, what reaction have  
you had?

BANKS:

I think that the general response we got from the American people public is an indication that uhh, that they are also dissatisfied with, with the conditions that face Indian people on reservation, and and, its, its to those people that we're appealing for, for, for general help, you know we have to uhh, uhh...

UM:

Lieutenant how much kind of help do you need, now in re specific terms, have you some ideas about what you need perhaps uhh?

BANKS:

Well we're gonna uhh, uhh, we have uhh over 200 people that uhh are under indictment by the Government and we've raised a half a million dollars for the bail, I'm, I'm on, on bail myself for a hundred and five thousand, uh-h-h and I'm facing a hundred and five years, and you know that's ironic because uhh the average life span of an Indian is only 44.5 years and uhh you know they're only going to squeeze about another three years out of me, and you know, we're gonna have to need another, another million dollars for, for legal defense, and this is the kind of support you know we're asking for the American public to help us, you



know to have our day in court, whether its in the Federal court or whether its in, in, in a world court. You know we've got to have that day.

UM:

When, when are these trials likely to come up, when are they, they likely to begin, any idea Mr. Roubideaux.

RAMON:

I think it will be several months, perhaps even a year before these cases are tried, we have a great number of preliminary motions that are now being presented and argued in court, and of course we don't expect that uhh those motions are going to receive very favorable consideration, but if they're not, we're gonna appeal those to the Supreme Court.

UM:

Uh ummmm.

RAMON:

Uhh we plan on uhh giving these Indians their rights under this law even though the government is doing everything it can to keep these people from being properly represented and, and properly heard in the court system of this land.

UM:

Now if some of our viewers want to help, if they want to get more information is there some place they

can reach you, can they write some place or can they call some place to get more information.

RAMON:

Yes, we've established uhh a legal office in Rapid City, South Dakota. Uhh it's called the ~~Wounded Knee Legal Defense Fund, Box 147, Rapid City, South Dakota.~~ Area code 57701. And there the funds that come in.

UM:

That's the zip code 57701.

RAMON:

Right, right. Uhh these funds are deposited in an account that's strictly controlled, uhh books are kept and a complete accounting is made of all funds that are contributed for this legal defense.....

UM:

We need funds. How bout volunteer help. Do you need volunteers or or is it mainly money that you're after right at this moment.

RAMON:

It's mainly money, although we do need specialized help. We need people who are uhh adept to trial work and investigation work and people who are, possess special skills in the criminal defense field.

UM:

But you don't need people to come in and help you organize, you've got your own uhh skill organizer, is that right, your own leadership in in in the Indian community.

RAMON:

Right. Uhh well also I mentioned earlier too that conditions on the reservation, particularly at Pine Ridge have been getting worse and last week we established a a grocery line from Rapid City to to Wounded Knee because there's still 62 families that are being denied uhh groceries and and the credit they enjoyed prior to the Wounded Knee situation.

UM:

(Unintelligible) they can't buy groceries on credit.

RAMON:

Right, there, there you know the tribal government has, or the tribal president has taken steps to have the 62 families' credit cut off on the reservation and the surrounding towns.

UM:

Uh ummmm.

RAMON:

And uhh we've had to you know it's running us about 300 dollars a day

now for groceries you know  
to supply uhh the 62  
families.

UM: (Unintelligible) are you thinking  
of taking this case to the  
United Nations.

RAMON: Uhh we certainly, that's  
certainly a possibility.  
Uhh we hate, it would  
be a terrible thing if  
we had to go to get the  
help that we want to the  
United Nations or to foreign  
countries, but we need help  
very badly and we'll do  
anything we can to get  
justice for our Indian  
people.

UM: Have you contacted any  
friendly foreign governments  
at this point who might  
help you.

RAMON: Not as yet.

UM: What about other groups  
within the United States,  
do you feel that the  
Chicano community for  
example is potential ally  
or the black community  
are the potential allies.

RAMON: Certainly, you know that's  
one of the reasons why  
we're out here in this  
area is to generate  
support from other ethnic

groups because of the tremendous uhh voting power that they have, uhh you know, they they enjoy a bigger block of of voting than than American Indians uhh have because they there's only about 700,000 Indians in the United States and uhh we're out here to, to hopefully generate a a large coalition between Chicanos, between blacks, and between Asians.

UM:

Uh ummmm.

RAMON:

To, to bring about this massive worldwide and nationwide support that we need.

UM:

Is there 700,000 Indians right now, how many were there when the white man came to them on this continent.

RAMON:

About a million.

UM:

About a million, about a million. We have uhh a little bit over a minute left uhhh Mr. Banks and uhh I I think it would be very appropriate if you could uhh, uhh make a closing remark to our viewers about uhh the urgency in the

situation where you need people and what you think ought to happen. And you have about a minute and kind of rap it up with that.

BANKS:

I think that the uhhh the the the viewers you know should concentrate uhh their efforts towards contacting uhh senators and the and the law makers of this country to ask them to, to re-examine these treaties and and to to re-study them, in in hopes that Indian people can can re-open the treaties that we have signed with this country, re-open the treaties so that you know we might have self-government on the reservation, Re-open the treaties so that uhh if the commitments are fulfilled you know you won't find Indian people committing suicide on the reservation. You wouldn't find (Unintelligible) being driven to, to alcohol and you wouldn't find an early death rate, and these are the conditions that that face us daily on the reservation. If the law makers are strongly urged to re-open some of these treaties, I'm sure that it'll do a great service to Indian people all across this country.

UM:

Mr. Roubideaux thank you very much for being here this afternoon. I hope our viewers will respond to your request for help certainly it's long overdue. Mr. Banks I can only wish you the best in, in your fight for a fair trial and we will do what we can to make sure that you get at least the trial that you deserve, a fair one.

BANKS:

Thank you very much.

UM:

Thank you very much for being with us ladies and gentlemen, we'll see you again next Sunday. Good afternoon.

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Date: ~~8/7/73~~

9/7/73

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Minneapolis Teletype to the Bureau and San Francisco dated 9/4/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above. A copy of this LHM is being provided to the United States Attorney, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, because of their prosecutive interest in the subject. Enclosed for San Francisco is one copy of LHM for information.

The television show on which BANKS appeared can be best described as being of the JOE PYNE type show which was aired nationally a few years ago.

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BANKS during the program interview made numerous allegations against the United States Government and the performance of the FBI in carrying out law enforcement duties in relation to the Wounded Knee takeover and incidents that occurred on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The identity of the Agent who observed BANKS on television is SA [REDACTED]

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Minneapolis does not have a characterization for the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee.

Minneapolis does not have a characterization for [REDACTED]



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 7, 1973

**DENNIS JAMES BANKS**  
**EXTREMIST MATTERS**

On the evening of September 2, 1973, Dennis James Banks was observed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to appear as a guest on a local KSTP, St. Paul, Minnesota, television program called The Charlie Mc Carty Show.

Characterization of the American Indian Movement (AIM), Wounded Knee, and the AIM leaders can be found on the appendix pages attached hereto.

During the opening moments of the interview Banks stated that [redacted] as a result of being shot by Carter Camp, was currently being hospitalized at the "Baptist Hospital", Winner, South Dakota and was in need of Type "A" blood along with donations of money. Banks stated that the American Indian Movement (AIM), planned on convening an "Indian Grand Jury" in the near future, to investigate the circumstances surrounding the shooting. Banks accused the Federal Government of complicity in the shooting and conspiring to neutralize the effectiveness of AIM leaders.

(In regard to the [redacted] shooting incident, three subjects have been identified, with two men currently in custody for violation of Title 18, Section 1153, United States Code and Section 22-18-11 of the South Dakota Criminal Law.)

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ENCLOSURE

DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
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Banks stated that he was in Denver, Colorado, when the shooting took place and charged that Federal law enforcement authorities along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), under the auspices of the Department of the Interior, continue a program of harassment.

At this point in the interview, Banks claimed that he and a group of his followers were "shot at when I departed Rapid City, South Dakota, to tape the show."

(No complaint has been received by federal or local law enforcement authorities by Banks concerning his allegation that he was shot at when he departed Rapid City, South Dakota on August 30, 1973.)

Banks continued to deride the Federal Government, particularly the Federal Bureau of Investigation for what he alleged to be its failure to enforce the laws on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and charged that the Federal Bureau of Investigation failed to take action when a nine-year old girl from Wounded Knee, South Dakota was shot by a "BIA goon". Continuing to attack the Bureau, Banks charged that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has failed to pursue various civil rights investigations that were brought to its attention by AIM and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Marshals, because of the "beating they received from AIM at Wounded Knee," are seeking revenge, by relentlessly harassing him and his organization.

(The shooting incident involving a nine-year old girl from Wounded Knee, South Dakota is currently under intensive investigation. To date, no subject or subjects have been identified.

All Civil Rights violations that have been brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been actively pursued and intensively investigated. Results of these preliminary investigations have been presented to the Assistant Attorney General, Washington, D.C.)

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(Affidavits have been taken from all Agent personnel concerning harassment charges by members of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee in Rapid City, South Dakota and it has been determined that no violations exist. This committee is currently pursuing a restraining order against the Federal Bureau of Investigation and hearings pursuant to this order were held on September 1, 1973 with United States Court Judge Andrew Bogue presiding at Deadwood, South Dakota. Judge Bogue's decision remains pending.)

Banks also cited an incident, where a seven-year old Indian boy was struck by a truck driven by a White man, who was arrested by BIA Police, and was released by the local United States Attorney. Banks then reflected over these incidents stating, "it looks like we will have to make a better commitment to the Indians at Pine Ridge."

(On August 29, 1973, a White man was arrested and charged with violation of Title 18, Section 1152 and 1112 of the United States Code (involuntary manslaughter), for running over a seven year old Indian boy on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota Indian Reservation. This individual has been released on personal recognizance bond and is currently awaiting trial.)

Banks told the audience that AIM plans on challenging the United States Government again in the future and that Russell Means will run for Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman, during the next tribal elections.

(Election for Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is scheduled to be held during November, 1973.

Russell Means, an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, is eligible to run for this office.)

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Banks during the interview, accused the United States Government of being responsible for the violence attributed to AIM and likened the Government's support of the Pine Ridge Tribal Chairman, to its support of the current South Vietnamese regime. Banks stated that the whole country is "Wounded Knee."

Banks claimed that a Rapid City construction company, which was recently awarded a "1.5 million dollar contract" was a "front" for the Pine Ridge Tribal Chairman and the BIA.

(No charges or allegations have been received concerning Banks' claim that a Rapid City construction company, which according to him, had received a lucrative Government contract, is a front for the Pine Ridge Indian Tribal Chairman or the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It is not known if such a contract even exists.)

During the interview, an unidentified, neatly dressed, attractive, blond Caucasian woman, wearing square, clear glasses, was recognized by Mr. Mc Carty, from the audience. This woman asked Banks about the incident involving an assault by a Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent against a member of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee. Banks replied that four citizens' arrests against Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents for assaults, were made by members of this committee and that a Special Agent [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is currently a fugitive and was being harbored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Banks repeatedly criticized the Federal Bureau of Investigation for "failure to arrest their own". Banks then appealed to the general television audience and requested any citizen who had the opportunity, to apprehend Special Agent [redacted] and "bring him to justice at Rapid City, South Dakota."

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(Members of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee at Rapid City, South Dakota made four citizens' arrests against Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents on fictitious assault charges. No charges were filed with the exception of assault charges filed against Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] Affidavits from Agent personnel who witnessed the incident deny any assault taking place. A local arrest warrant was issued for Agent [redacted] in Rapid City, South Dakota. Agent [redacted] however, had been released from duty at the Rapid City Command Post and had returned to his office of assignment. A motion was filed in United States District Court, Rapid City, South Dakota, on September 6, 1973 to have this matter transferred to United States District Court under provisions of Title 28, Section 1442, U. S. Code.)

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Banks proceeded to give the audience a little of his personal history stating that he lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from 1960-1966.

Commenting on AIM, he advised that it currently consists of 65 autonomous chapters located nationwide and boasted a membership of "55,000." He advised that the State of Oklahoma has 22 chapters and that three Navajo Chapters were recently created.

Mr. Mc Carty asked Banks if he carried a gun. Banks hesitated momentarily and replied in the negative. When Mr. Mc Carty challenged him, saying that there was evidence that he had carried a .32 caliber revolver while at Wounded Knee, Banks stumbled, verbally appeared to be embarrassed and when he began to defend himself, Mr. Mc Carty interceded by saying, "that this was a case of self defense" and the matter was dropped.

Banks stated that the American Indian tribes ultimately wished to become an independent nation, self governing and engage in treaties with foreign powers, while continuing to reside within the confines of the Western hemisphere.

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Banks in conclusion, advised that AIM's funding was currently derived solely from its membership and no other sources.

All American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders referred to in the body of the LHM are currently under Federal indictments based on charges stemming from the Wounded Knee, South Dakota insurrection.

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APPENDIX PAGE

The articles of incorporation of the American Indian Movement (AIM), as obtained from the Minnesota Secretary of State, St. Paul, Minnesota, state that the purpose of this corporation is to solicit and broaden opportunities and general welfare for the urban Indian in order that he may enjoy his full rights as a citizen of these United States, also his special rights as an Aborigine.

On December 18, 1972, [redacted]  
[redacted] Judicial, Prevention  
and Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian  
Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
advised that the American Indian Movement  
(AIM) claims to be an Indian civil rights  
organization whose stated purpose is to  
enhance the social, educational, and economic  
status of Indians. In reality, however,  
[redacted] advised AIM is a militant organization  
and its leaders believe in direct confrontation  
with authority.

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APPENDIX PAGE

[redacted] Dennis James Banks, [redacted]  
[redacted] and Russell Means are publicly  
recognized leaders of the American Indian  
Movement.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 5, 1973

Title DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Character EXTREMIST MATTERS

Reference Minneapolis airtel and  
letterhead memorandum dated  
and captioned as above at  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed  
in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS  
Bufile 157-29309  
MP 157-846

DATE: 9/17/73



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Re Bureau airtel to Albany, dated July 5, 1973.

Captioned subject was recently approved as a key extremist within the Minneapolis Division.

Observation of subject by a Special Agent of the FBI has determined that he has no fixed address, and is almost continually in a travel status often staying in motels when he is in the Rapid City, South Dakota area, and at other motels throughout the United States.

The telephone number utilized most frequently by the subject is that of the Wounded Knee Legal Officers and Defense Committee in Rapid City, South Dakota, which is headed by [redacted] for the American Indian Movement (AIM). It is noted that this telephone is used by an extensive number of individuals as well as by the subject.

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Since subject has no fixed address or telephone number, he is not [redacted] at this time; however, should he in the future have a fixed address, an [redacted] will be submitted.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 9/26/73

*Just*  
FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

Re Minneapolis airtel to Bureau dated *per 12* 8/7/73 and captioned as above.

Referenced airtel's date is incorrect. Date should be 9/7/73, vice 8/7/73.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)  
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

DATE: 9/17/73

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
(KEY EXTREMIST)

OO: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, dated 8/9/73, captioned  
"American Indian Section, Single Fingerprint File,  
Latent Fingerprint Section, Identification Matter,  
Extremist Matters."

Subject BANKS has FBI Number 118-417-D.

In accordance with instructions in referenced airtel,  
subject should be included in the American Indian Section of  
the Single Fingerprint File.

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# Memorandum

1 - Mr. W. V. Cleveland

1 - [REDACTED]

DATE: 10/8/73

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FROM :

SUBJECT: DENNIS BANKS - FUGITIVE  
EXTREMIST MATTERS - AIM

Assistant Legat, [REDACTED] Ottawa, phoned 4:50 p.m.,  
10/7/73. to advise of the following information received from  
the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Duty Supervisor [REDACTED] Division Nine,  
advised following which Duty Supervisor [REDACTED]  
Minneapolis Field Office, advised 5:10 p.m. Latter said he  
would alert the Rapid City Command Post to the above infor-  
mation and would phone or teletype any significant developments.

ACTION: Referred to Section IS-1, which has investigative  
responsibility in this matter.

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To: SAC, Minneapolis

From: Director, FBI (157-29309)

DENNIS BANKS

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Promptly submit letterhead memorandum (LHM) under above caption setting forth status of criminal prosecution against subject and all terms of his current Federal bond.

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In order to furnish with information relative to Banks' bond terms, Minneapolis is being instructed to submit LHM setting forth such terms.

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TO SACS, MINNEAPOLIS

11/1/73

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM.

EM - AIM.

OMAHA AND MINNEAPOLIS CONTACT SOURCES RELATIVE TO THIS  
MATTER. DETERMINE IF BANKS INTENDS TO RETURN TO CANADA AND  
SUTEL RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION.

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RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS; [REDACTED]

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CAPTIONED "DENNIS BANKS, EM - AIM," PROMPTLY ADVISE OF STATUS  
OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AGAINST BANKS AND ALL TERMS OF HIS  
CURRENT FEDERAL BOND.

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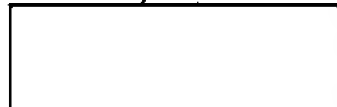
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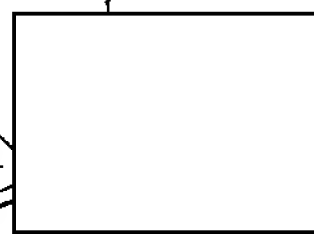
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DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM; [REDACTED] EM - AIM.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS AND OMAHA, DATED 11/1/73.

SOURCES OF THE MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION THAT BANKS INTENDED TO RETURN TO CANADA.

USA'S OFFICE ADVISES REGARDING PROSECUTION OF BANKS THAT HE IS SCHEDULED TO BE TRIED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, BEGINNING 1/8/74. HE IS PRESENTLY FREE ON A BOND OF \$105,000., WHICH CONTAINS NO RESTRICTIONS; HOWEVER, THE COURT ORALLY ADVISED BANKS AT THE TIME OF HIS RELEASE ON BOND THAT HE WAS TO OBEY THE LAWS OF THE STATE, THE TRIBE, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.



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FOR THE INFORMATION OF OMAHA AND OTHER OFFICES NOT IN RECEIPT  
OF REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE CAPTIONED, [REDACTED] EM  
AIM, " TELETYPE ADVISED THAT LEGAT, OTTAWA, 11/13/73, STATED THAT [REDACTED]

DENNIS JAMES BANKS AND UNKNOWN MALE INDIAN (PRESUMABLY [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] ARRIVED MINNEAPOLIS ON WESTERN AIRLINES

FLIGHT 500, 6:00 AM, INSTANT.

AN AGENT OBSERVED BOTH SUBJECTS ENTER A BLUE AND WHITE TAXI,  
NUMBER 214. AGENT FOLLOWED SUBJECTS FROM AIRPORT TO A LOCATION IN

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MINNEAPOLIS IN THE VICINITY OF 25TH STREET AND NICOLLET AVENUE  
WHERE BOTH SUBJECTS DEPARTED CAB.

[REDACTED] WAS NOT OBSERVED AT THE AIRPORT AND IT IS  
FELT THAT BANKS MET HIM IN THE VICINITY OF 25TH AND NICOLLET  
AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS. AGENTS ARE CURRENTLY SURVEILLING THIS AREA TO  
DETERMINE BANKS' FURTHER MOVEMENTS TO VERIFY THE PRESENCE OF [REDACTED]  
AND TO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY "THE PEOPLE" WHO WERE PRICY TO ACTIONS  
WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REFERENCED OMAHA TELETYPE.

OMAHA AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA, WILL ATTEMPT, THROUGH LOGICAL SOURCES,  
TO IDENTIFY THOSE PERSONS BANKS IS METTING WITH AND RECEIVING  
INFORMATION FROM.

MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, SAME AS ABOVE.

END

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TO DIRECTOR (ATTN: INTD)

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LOS ANGELES

TELETYPE

OMAHA (157-1821)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-876) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM-AIM.

OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

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RE OMAHA TEL, 11-13-73.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED DENNIS AND [REDACTED] WILL

DEPART LOS ANGELES 12:28 A.M., 11/14/73 (PCT), WESTERN AIRLINES  
FLIGHT 500. SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MINNEAPOLIS 6:02 A.M. (CST) 11/14/73.

MINNEAPOLIS-AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY  
ACTUAL ARRIVAL OF BANKS AND PRESENCE OF [REDACTED]

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6:50 PM CST URGENT 11-15-73 IJS

TO DIRECTOR (INTD)

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LOS ANGELES

MINNEAPOLIS

RAPID CITY COMMAND POST

ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON

FROM OMAHA 157-1821 3P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS

ON 11-15-73 A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT SUBJECT AND

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

ON AFTERNOON OF 11-15-73 BANKS AND [REDACTED] WERE AT ST. PAUL MINNESOTA AIM OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER 224-4395.

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[REDACTED] REMAINS AT MINNEAPOLIS WITH CONTACT THROUGH TELEPHONE [REDACTED] HAS INDICATED HE MAY TAKE A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT TO OMAHA, NEBR. WITHIN A FEW DAYS TO PICK UP HIS AUTOMOBILE WHICH HAS BEEN LEFT AT EPPLEY FIELD.

SOURCE ADVISED BANKS AND OTHER AIM ACTIVISTS ARE IN PROCESS OF CREATING AN AIM NATIONAL OFFICE AT 1500 PACIFIC AVENUE, VENICE, CALIFORNIA. SOURCE STATED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

SOURCE ADVISED THAT THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDIANS FOLLOWING THE RUSSELL MEANS - [REDACTED] FACTION WHICH ADVOCATES VIOLENT ACTION SUCH AS CONFRONTATIONS AND TAKE OVERS SIMILAR TO WOUNDED KNEE.

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SOURCE STATED [REDACTED]

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SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE OMAHA TEL TO BUREAU 11-15-73 AND WFO TELETYPE 11-14-73  
CAPTIONED AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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DETAILS OF ABOVE INFORMATION MUST BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED AS  
DISCLOSURE COULD IDENTIFY SOURCE.

MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS ATTEMPT TO VERIFY DEPARTURE OF  
BANKS AND CONTINUE EFFORTS TO VERIFY WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ARRIVAL OF SUBJECT  
AT LOS ANGELES ON 11-16-73.

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FOR ANY QUESTIONS/CORRECTIONS PLS CONTACT OMAHA OFFICE

END

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SENT 11-16-73 650AM

PM NITEL 11-15-73 MPC

TO DIRECTOR

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RAPID CITY COMMAND POST

OMAHA

CHICAGO

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-1458) (P) 1-PAGE

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS

RE OMAHA TEL TO MINNEAPOLIS DATED 11/15/73, AND MINNEAPOLIS  
TEL DATED 11/15/73.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS WAS OBSERVED, BY A RELIABLE SOURCE, TO  
HAVE TAKEN NORTHWEST FLIGHT 492 TO CHICAGO AT 9:40 P.M. 11/15/73.

[REDACTED] WAS NOT OBSERVED BOARDING ANY FLIGHTS OUT OF MINNEAPOLIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: INTD)  
DENVER

LOS ANGELES

MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: OMAHA (157-1821) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM-AIM.

OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

DENNIS BANKS

TODAY A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE  
PAST ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] AND CLOSE  
FRIEND OF BANKS HAS RETURNED TO THE U.S. FROM CANADA AND IS  
PRESENTLY AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. [REDACTED]

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SOURCE STATED BANKS [REDACTED]

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ADMINISTRATIVE;

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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ABOVE INFORMATION MUST BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED AS IT MAY  
IDENTIFY SOURCE, HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, AND FUTURE EFFECTIVENESS.

SOURCE NOTED THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ARRIVAL OF BANKS  
AND ATTEMPT TO VERIFY [REDACTED]

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DIRECT SOURCES TOWARD IDENTIFICATION OF UNNAMED PERSONS ALLEGEDLY

[REDACTED] AND BANKS.

OMAHA WILL DEBRIEF SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1132PM NITEL 11/19/73 DLM

TO DIRECTOR

ATTN: INTD

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KANSAS CITY

MINNEAPOLIS (157-1458)

PHOENIX

RAPID CITY COMMAND POST

OMAHA (157-1821)

FROM LOS ANGELES (70-7456) (P) 1P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS NITEL TO BUREAU, 11/16/73.

ON 11/17/73, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT DENNIS JAMES BANKS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REC-46 157-272091

[REDACTED]

SOURCE COULD PROVIDE NOV 20 1973

NO FURTHER PRECISE DETAILS [REDACTED]

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9:55 PM NITEL 11/15/73 PF

TO: DIRECTOR FBI

ATTN: INTD

MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: OMAHA (157-1821)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS

ON 11/14/73 A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WERE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, AND COULD

BE CONTACTED THROUGH TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED  
THIS NUMBER IS LISTED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOURCE STATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARE AIM MEMBERS IN MINNEAPOLIS. SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]

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ADMINISTRATIVE;

RE OMAHA TEL 11/13/71.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED] WHOSE IDENTITY SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED.

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MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, ATTEMPT TO VERIFY PRE-  
SENCE OF [REDACTED]

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10:15 PM NITEL 11/15/73 RG

TO DIRECTOR

ALBUQUERQUE

DENVER

KANSAS CITY

LOS ANGELES

RAPID CITY COMMAND POST OMAHA

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-1458 1P

DENNIS JAMES SANKS, EM- AIM. 00: MINNEAPOLIS

RE OMTEL TO MINNEAPOLIS DATED 11/15/73.

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TO DIRECTOR ATTN: INTD

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS EM - AIM OO: MINNEAPOLIS

RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR 11/15/73.

ON 11/15/73, TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] WAS DETERMINED

TO BE LISTED TO [REDACTED] RESIDING AT [REDACTED]

FOR THE INFORMATION OF OMAHA, [REDACTED] IS

DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

CHAPTER IN MINNEAPOLIS AND FORMERLY RESIDED AT [REDACTED]

THE NAMES [REDACTED] WERE SEARCHED

THROUGH MINNEAPOLIS AND RAPID CITY COMMAND POST INDICES

WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. MINNEAPOLIS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

LISTS [REDACTED] RESIDING AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WITH HOME PHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS A SUBURB OF MINNEAPOLIS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY

10 MILES WEST OF MINNEAPOLIS.

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KLC 11/19/73  
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IN CONNECTION WITH DENNIS JAMES BANKS' VISIT TO  
MINNEAPOLIS 11/15/73, THE RESIDENCE WHICH HE VISITED  
IN THE VICINITY WEST 25TH STREET AND NICOLLET COULD POSSIBLY  
BE THAT OF [REDACTED] LOCATED AT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HOME PHONE [REDACTED] IT SHOULD BE FURTHER  
NOTED BY OMAHA THAT NICOLLET, A MAJOR THOROUGHFARE  
RUNNING NORTH SOUTH IS THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN STREETS  
RUNNING EAST AND WEST. THEREFORE, [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] WOULD BE LOCATED 2 BLOCKS FROM EACH OTHER.

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INASMUCH AS OMAHA SOURCE HAS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND BELIEVED THIS NUMBER  
TO BE LISTED TO [REDACTED] IT IS FELT BY MINNEAPOLIS  
THAT POSSIBLY [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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NO POSITIVE INFORMATION HAS YET BEEN DEVELOPED AT  
MINNEAPOLIS TO PROVE THE PRESENCE OF [REDACTED] IN THIS CITY.

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1030 PM NITEL 11-26-73 DSC

TO DIRECTOR ATTN: INTD

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DENVER

LOS ANGELES

LAS VEGAS

OKLAHOMA CITY

OMAHA

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-846 ✓ ONE PAGE

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM- AIM; OO: MINNEAPOLIS

RE OMAHA NITEL, 11/21/73.

DUE TO PENDING TRIAL OF BANKS, NO PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF HIM SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. HOWEVER, OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES.

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Date: 11/20/73

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: INTD)  
 FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-1555)(RUC)  
 DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
 EM - AIM  
 OO: Minneapolis

Re Minneapolis airtel to Bureau, 11/14/73, and  
 Oklahoma City letter and LHM, 10/9/73, captioned [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

Referenced LHM contained known descriptive data  
 and aliases for [REDACTED]. Bureau may desire to  
 disseminate a copy of this LHM to [REDACTED]

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9:29 PM NITEL 11/21/73 PF

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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LOS ANGELES (70-7456)

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OKLAHOMA CITY

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RESIDENT AGENT, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

FROM: OMAHA (157-1321)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM-AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON 11/20/73 A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN  
THE PAST ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

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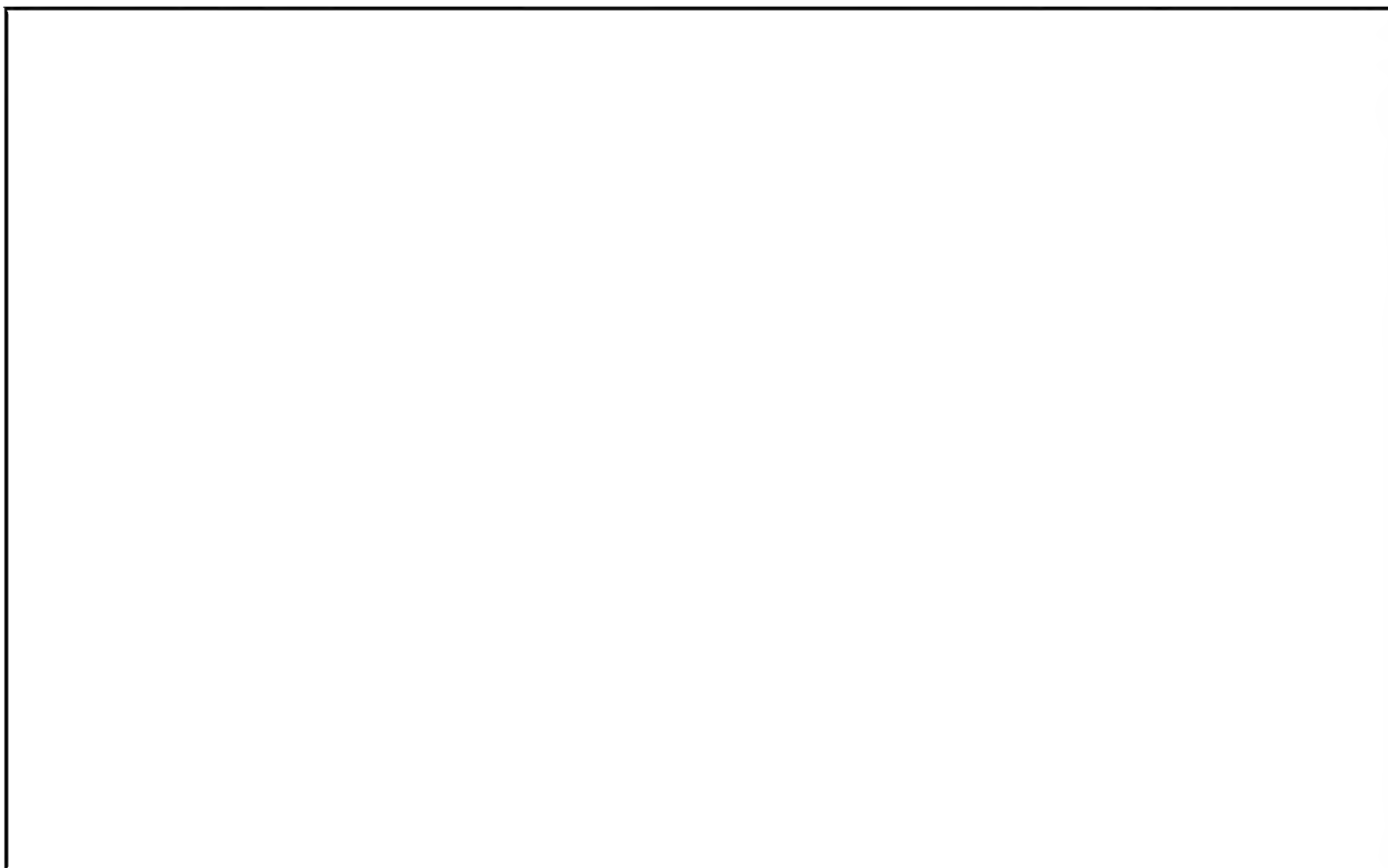
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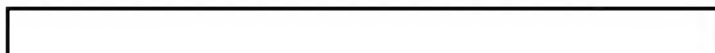
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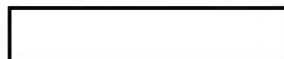


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SOURCE NOT AWARE OF FURTHER  
DETAILS.

SOURCE ADVISED BANKS AND ASSOCIATES HAVE



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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU 11-19-73.

RELIABLE SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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ABOVE INFORMATION MUST BE CAREFULLY PROTECTED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND DISCLOSURE COULD  
IDENTIFY SOURCE.

MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICES  
IF SURVEILLANCE OF BANKS DESIRABLE.

RECEIVING OFFICES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION  
TO VERIFY [REDACTED] AND TO  
VERIFY INFORMANT INFORMATION.  
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cc. Mr. [REDACTED], Warrall



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703PM 11-23-73 NITEL WKC

TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR ATTN: INTD

ALBUQUERQUE

DENVER

LOS ANGELES (70-7456)

LAS VEGAS

MINNEAPOLIS (157-1458)

OKLAHOMA CITY

OMAHA (157-1821)

RESIDENT AGENT, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

FROM: PHOENIX (157-1460) (P) 1P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM. OO: MINNEAPOLIS

RE PHOENIX TELETYPE NOVEMBER 21, LAST.

FOR INFORMATION BUREAU AND ALL RECEIVING OFFICES,

PHOENIX SOURCE IN REFERENCED TELETYPE IS [REDACTED]

INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM RETEL.

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RESIDENT AGENT, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

FROM PHOENIX (157-1460) (P)

(ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM-AIR, 00: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE OMAHA TEL TO BUREAU, 11/21/73.

ON 11/21/73, A SOURCE ADVISED THAT DENNIS JAMES BANKS ARRIVED IN TUCSON, ARIZONA ON 11/20/73 AND HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT HILTON INN, TUCSON. SOURCE STATED THAT IN CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS COVERED BY LOCAL TV, BANKS SEVERLY CRITICIZED ALASKA PIPE LINE PROPOSAL. BANKS STATED THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO COMPENSATE INDIANS OVER WHOS LINE PIPELINE WILL CROSS AND INDIANS WILL HAVE TO HAVE A VOICE IN PLACING OF PIPELINE ON THEIR LANDS THAT WOUNDED KNEE WOULD LOOK LIKE A PICNIC.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT SOME OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE AT MEETING SPOKE OF DISSENTION BETWEEN BANKS AND VERNON BELLECOURT.

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BANKS SPENT NIGHT AT HILTON INN, TUCSON AND WAS TO DEPART  
TUCSON, 11/21/73, DESTINATION UNKNOWN.

ON 11/21/73 DET. [REDACTED] SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT,  
TUCSON PD, ADVISED THAT THERE IS A MOVIE COMPANY STAYING AT  
HILTON INN WHICH IS PREPARING A DOCUMENTARY FILM ON AMERICAN INDIANS.  
HE BELIEVED THAT BANKS CAME TO TUCSON TO MEET WITH THESE FILM PEOPLE.  
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URGENT NETEL

TO LEGATS, MEXICO CITY  
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11/30/73

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM-AIM

INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THROUGH [REDACTED] INDICATING SUBJECT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) [REDACTED]

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BANKS IS AN AMERICAN INDIAN, BORN 4/12/37 AT FEDERAL DAM, MINNESOTA. HE IS 5' 11", 160 LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM BUILD. HE HAS "JAPAN 54-57" TATTOOED ON UPPER RIGHT ARM, AND A DAGGER ON RIGHT FOREARM, ON LEFT ARM IS "502-28-0630."

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CABLEGRAM TO MEXICO CITY AND CARACAS  
RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

FOR INFORMATION OF MEXICO CITY AND CARACAS, SUBJECT IS  
INCLUDED IN EXTREMIST PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM.

[ ] IS BEING ADVISED AND REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMA-  
TION THEY MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE REGARDING THIS MATTER. [ ]  
HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED THAT [ ]

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RECIPIENTS SUBMIT ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY COME TO YOUR  
ATTENTION BY TELETYPE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO DENVER, MINNEAPOLIS, AND OMAHA.

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NOTE:

[ ] furnished above information concerning  
[ ] and has in the past furnished  
reliable and valuable information relative to [ ]  
[ ] Airmail copies being furnished  
Denver (OO: AIM) and Minneapolis (OO: Banks) and Omaha. We are  
conducting investigation regarding this matter. There are  
no travel restrictions on subject Banks, who is awaiting Federal  
trial for his participation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN

MOVEMENT (AIM).

RECENT INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELI-  
ABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, INDICATES SUBJECT WHO IS EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF AIM [Redacted]

[Redacted]

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, THIS BUREAU REQUESTS TO BE  
ADVISED OF ANY INFORMATION YOUR AGENCY MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE  
REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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Cable to [REDACTED]  
Re: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE, BACKGROUND DATA,  
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, AND PHOTOGRAPH OF BANKS ARE AVAILABLE IN  
THE EXTREMIST PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM.

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NOTE:

Information regarding [REDACTED] provided  
by [REDACTED] being requested to furnish any infor-  
mation they may develop regarding this matter. Legat Attaches,  
Mexico City and Caracas being advised of our request [REDACTED]

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TO LEGATS, MEXICO CITY  
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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM

REBUCAB, 11/30/73; EUTEL 12/5/73 CAPTIONED "AMERICAN INDIAN  
MOVEMENT; EM."

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CHANGED AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE THIS DATE.

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGATS, MEXICO CITY, ET AL.  
RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S TRAVEL, LEGAT, MEXICO, ALERT SOURCES  
FOR ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO CONTACTS BY SUBJECT OR THE  
[REDACTED] WITH CUBANS OR EXTREMIST ELEMENTS IN MEXICO, OR ANY  
OTHER INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION.

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ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT, CARACAS.

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Referenced Bureau cablegram, 11/30/73, advised Legats,  
Mexico City and Caracas, of [REDACTED]

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Referenced Bureau teletype, 12/5/73, advised all  
Legats and pertinent Government agencies of information rela-  
tive to [REDACTED]

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Legat, Caracas, being advised for their information.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Minneapolis (157-846)

Date: December 21, 1973

From: Director, FBI

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Re: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
(KEY EXTREMIST)  
EM - AIM

FBI File No. 157-29309 37  
Lab. No. D-73 12 05 073 HX

Examination requested by: Minneapolis

Reference: Letter dated 11/30/73

Examination requested: Document

Remarks: Specimen received 12/4/73

Item 1 Photocopies of [redacted]

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**Remarks:**

Item 1 was searched in the National Security File (NSF) but nothing of significance was found. A photograph is being added to the NSF for future reference. Item 1 is retained. No Laboratory report is furnished.

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Re **DENNIS JAMES BANKS**  
**(KEY EXTREMIST)**  
**EM - AIM**

File # **157-29309-1**  
Lab.# **D-731205073 HX**

Examination requested by: **Minneapolis (157-846) letter 11/30/73**

Examination requested: **Document**

Date received: **12/4/73**

Result of Examination:

Examination by:   b6  
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*Severed Item 1 11/20/73*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY  
FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)  
SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
(KEY EXTREMIST)  
EM - AIM

DATE: 11/30/73

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Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory are handwriting specimens of subject for inclusion in the National Security File, which were furnished on 11/21/73 by [redacted]

[redacted] which are described as follows:

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[redacted] be treated confidentially and not used in court and this notation appears on the back of [redacted]

Subject has been designated a Key Extremist and in accordance with Bureau instructions, handwriting specimens are to be included in the National Security File.

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TO SACS, LOS ANGELES  
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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM).

RELATEL, 12/6/73, CAPTIONED, "AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT",  
EM - AIM."

LEGAL ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED,

12/7/73, [REDACTED] HAD ADVISED THIS DATE

BANKS AND [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES AIM ACTIVIST,

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WERE ARRESTED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ON 12/6/73. COMPLETE DE-  
TAILS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

LEGAT, MEXICO CITY OBTAINING FACTS OF ARRESTS AND ACTIVI-  
TIES OF BANKS AND [REDACTED] IN MEXICO AND WILL DETERMINE IF THEY  
TRAVELED TO CUBA.

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TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES, ET AL.  
RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

LOS ANGELES, THROUGH LIAISON, U. S. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS,  
VERIFY ARRIVAL OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS AND DETERMINE THROUGH  
CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHETHER PASSPORTS INDICATE TRAVEL TO CUBA.  
ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE DATES BANKS AND [ ] DEPARTED U. S.  
FOR MEXICO CITY AND MODE OF TRAVEL AND ANY OTHER DETAILS OF  
TRIP. SUTEL BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES IN A FORM SUITABLE  
FOR DISSEMINATION.

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DENVER, MINNEAPOLIS, AND OMAHA ALERT SOURCES FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION REGARDING TRAVEL AND ARRESTS OF BANKS AND [ ]

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On 12/6/73, [ ]

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[ ] Banks were arrested in Mexico City during a  
demonstration. Source could not elaborate but was obtaining  
additional details. We had previously furnished instructions  
to Mexico City regarding plans of Banks and [ ] on 11/30 and  
12/5/73. Legat, Mexico City telephonically furnished information  
set out above to Supervisor [ ] and this information  
was telephonically furnished by SA [ ] to Supervisor [ ]  
[ ] who handles extremist matters, Los Angeles.

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TO DIRECTOR

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FROM LOS ANGELES (72-7456) (P) 2P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM-AIN, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON THIS DATE DENNIS JAMES BANKS AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARRIVED LOS ANGELES

VIA WESTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT 610 FROM MEXICO CITY.

OFFICIALS U.S. CUSTOMS ADVISED THAT OBSERVATION OF

[REDACTED] PASSPORT FAILED TO REFLECT HIS HAVING TRAVELED TO CUBA AND THAT BANKS NOT IN POSSESSION OF U.S. PASSPORT.

A BRANIFF AIRLINES TICKET FOR BANKS ISSUED 12-3-73, AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA TO DALLAS WITH A CONNECTING FLIGHT TO MEXICO CITY WAS OBSERVED AMONGST BANKS' POSSESSIONS.

SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED BANKS ARRESTED BY MEXICAN AUTHORITIES, MEXICO. DEC 11 1973  
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CITY, DURING A STUDENT RALLY, UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO, WHERE BANKS MADE, "INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS" AGAINST UNITED STATES AND MEXICO. THE ABOVE WERE INFORMALLY CHARGED WITH INTERFERRING WITH THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND JAILED 12-6-73, WITH SUBSEQUENT DEPORTATION INSTANT DATE BEING CLASSIFIED UNDESIRABLE ALIENS.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES 12-7-73.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES INPOSSESSION OF COPIES OF BANKS ADDRESS BOOK [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: WILL SUBMIT APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION REGARDING SUBJECT'S ARRIVAL AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION AS WELL AS MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SOURCES.

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Date: 12/4/73

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-1318) (RUC)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS;  
EM-AIM  
OO: MinneapolisRe Omaha tel, 11/21/73, and Minneapolis tel  
dated 11/26/73.Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of  
an LHM concerning subject. Two copies of same LHM  
also enclosed for Minneapolis.Sources utilized were \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 1 - Las Vegas

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Las Vegas, Nevada

December 4, 1973

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 30, 1973, that Dennis James Banks, Executive Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM), and [redacted] of the AIM, were in Las Vegas during November 29, 1973, to seek support for the AIM and its goals.

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On November 29, 1973, Banks and [redacted] held a press conference and the following comments were taken from an article in the "Las Vegas Review Journal" on November 30, 1973, a daily newspaper in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Banks said that the current energy crisis is of key importance to Indians because a lot of energy resources are on Indian territory. He said Congress already, by approving the Trans-Alaskan Pipe Line, has authorized violation of the rights of Indians over whose territories the line will run. He also said that Indian tribes in the Northwest have protested that the proposed Canadian pipe lines would harm their hunting and fishing. Banks said he also expected that Mid-Western Indian Tribes with coal resources would be among those to be exploited by the Government next.

Banks said that money is needed for the defense of movement members charged with crimes in connection with the Wounded Knee incident. He said he particularly hopes to obtain aid from entertainer Wayne Newton, who is part Indian, and from Phil Harris, who are currently appearing in major Las Vegas hotels. He said Wayne Newton and Phil Harris have contributed to the movement in the past.

Banks said he is urging Americans to write their Congressmen asking them to protect Indian rights and enforce treaties giving tribes sovereignty over their

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

own territory. He said that Indian tribes have sovereignty that goes beyond that of ordinary citizens because of the treaties and the Government should not be allowed to use their land without their permission. Banks said the AIM will aid individual tribes but only at the request of tribal members. He said these requests are investigated to see that they are legitimate before the movement offers aid. Banks said that he distrusts tribe councils because in his eyes they represent the Government but did add that there are tribal chairmen who are trying very hard to work for the Indians. He said there are cases in which the movement has refused to take up the cause of a dissident tribe when it has decided the tribal council represents the best interest of the Indian.

Banks said he did not think the AIM would be involved in another Wounded Knee incident but these situations could happen without the AIM even being there. Banks said that some of the activities of the AIM which are not known are that they operate three schools and also alcoholism programs in nine states.

Banks said that he blamed the FBI for using violent tactics for breaking up the movement. He sees the FBI continuing this effort to destroy the AIM. Banks said that movement leaders succeeded in obtaining an arrest warrant for one Federal Agent for harassing a movement member but the FBI failed to serve the warrant on their own man so he remains at large. Robideaux said the FBI is in fact harboring a fugitive.

The American Indian Movement was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

A second source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on December 3, 1973, that

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This source said [REDACTED]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI NR. 916-07

FROM LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (157-96) 2P

*EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT*  
DENNIS JAMES BANKS. ~~EM~~ AIM.

REBUCABS 11-30-73 AND 12-5-73; MEXICO CITY TELCALL TO BUREAU 12-7-73.

ALERTED LEGAT SOURCES REPORTED A.M., INSTANT DATE, THAT SUBJECT AND [REDACTED] WERE OBSERVED PARTICIPATING AT A GATHERING IN THE COLONIA APATILCO AREA OF MEXICO CITY, ON SANTA CRUZ STREET, P.M., 12-6-73.

SPEECHES WERE BEING MADE BY MEMBERS OF VARIOUS LEFTIST GROUPS AGAINST THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. THESE GROUPS REPRESENTED STUDENTS FROM THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO, THE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE OF MEXICO, AND A GROUP WHICH HAS ORGANIZED LAND INVASIONS IN THE PAST.

POLICE OFFICERS ON THE SCENE, RECOGNIZING THAT THE SUBJECT AND [REDACTED] WERE FOREIGNERS WHO WERE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES REGARDING THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEXICO, ARRESTED

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cc-AAG Criminal Division

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BOTH AT 7:00 P.M., 12-6-73, AND JAILED THEM AT THE MEXICAN  
IMMIGRATION FACILITIES AT 9:30 P.M., TO BE HELD OVER NIGHT.



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## Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/10/73

Attached relates Dennis Banks,  
Executive Director of American Indian  
Movement (AIM), and [redacted]

[redacted] were arrested  
by Mexican authorities, Mexico City,  
12/6/73, as foreigners engaging in internal  
affairs of Mexico. Banks and [redacted] were  
participating in gathering of "leftist"  
student groups in Mexico City who were  
speaking against Mexican Government. Both  
jailed overnight [redacted]

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We have previously received informa-  
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Our Los Angeles Office advised both  
arrived Los Angeles 12/7/73 aboard Western  
Airlines, Flight 610. U. S. Customs ad-  
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travel to Cuba and Bank's not in possession of U. S. passport. Los Angeles Office by teletype (attached) advised [redacted] b7D

[redacted] If Federal trials at Wounded Knee go badly for AIM defendants, consideration given by AIM for possible kidnapping of U. S. Senators, namely Senator George McGovern, South Dakota.

Pertinent data in attached, with exception of information pertaining to Senator McGovern, sent by teletype to The White House; State; [redacted] b3  
the military; Secret Service; Acting Attorney General (AG); Deputy AG; and to Assistant AG, Criminal Division (Internal Security and General Crimes Sections), and by messenger to the Interior Department. Legat, Mexico City advised and instructed to notify appropriate authorities in Mexico City. b7E

If you agree, Congressional Services Office will contact Senator McGovern on 12/10/73 and advise him of kidnapping threat. Met. Police, WDC; Secret Service, and appropriate local authorities, South Dakota, will be alerted.

*Sen. McGovern out of town. Handle with his AA [redacted]*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/12/73

FROM : *RTN* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (157-96) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS;

EM - AIM

## ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are 14 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

## REFERENCE

Mexico City cable, 12/7/73.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Copy of the enclosed LHM has been furnished to

## SOURCES

T-1 is

T-2 is

T-3 is

T-4 is

## CLASSIFICATION

Enclosed LHM is classified ~~SECRET~~ as it contains information from the [redacted] which was so classified.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 12, 1973

DENNIS JAMES BANKS;  
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At Mexico, D.F., Mexico

The following information was received December 7, 1973, from T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On December 6, 1973, at 10:30 a.m., there was a meeting at the "Jus Semper" Auditorium of the Law School of the Mexican National University. This was a conference by an American, Dennis James Banks, who claimed to be a representative of the American Indian Movement (AIM). Some 150 persons attended the conference. Banks arrived accompanied by another American and through an interpreter spoke concerning the Indian movement in the United States. Much was made of the massacre in 1890 in which thousands of Indians were killed at Wounded Knee. It was indicated that in 1968 the National Indian Movement or American Indian Movement was organized. It presently has the support of 79 organizations in the United States and Canada dedicated to defending the Indians. He advised that in jail in the United States are 250 Indians and 50 "Chicanos" who were arrested because of the struggle in recent months and who are going to be tried next January; therefore, what he was asking was aid in the fight to secure their freedom.

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As part of the conference it was also requested that attempts be made to secure the freedom of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the National Mexican University who is known to the National American Movement. It was suggested that messages be sent to the President of Mexico so that he would intercede with President Nixon in favor of the Indian and Chicano movements.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS;  
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The Americans advised that in representation of the Indian movement they were leaving for Cuba where there would be conferences concerning racial problems in the United States.

At the end of the conference there was a projection of films and shorts regarding the repression of Indians and Chicanos in the United States.

The conference ended at 11:20 a.m. with an invitation to attend a meeting in support of the residents of Iztacalco at 2:00 p.m.

Thereafter there was a meeting in Iztacalco of the residents of that area. The meeting was organized by communist elements. Invited to attend this meeting were the Americans, Dennis James Banks and [REDACTED] the former as a representative of the Indian movement in the United States. The same day they had presented a conference at the National University concerning the problems of the Indians in the United States. Both these individuals were in Mexico as tourists and were placed at the disposition of the Secretariat of Government for deportation.

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At the same meeting a number of Mexicans were arrested and turned over to Judicial authorities charged with disturbing the peace.

A handbill in Spanish advertised that on December 6 there would be a conference at the Law School of the National University by Russel Mains concerning Wounded Knee. According to this flyer the leaders of the National Indian Movement (AIM) who participated in the heroic defense of Wounded Knee were in Mexico. The leaders of AIM were identified as Dennis Banks, Russel Mains, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The flyer concludes "Help the Chicanos and Indians, Freedom to all Political Prisoners."

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The Mexico City daily newspaper "Excelsior" issue of December 8, 1973, carried an article "2 Sioux Indians Taken In Custody Because They Were Participating In A Political Meeting Here." The article continued that the Mexico City Police Department advised that two American Indians, Dennis James Banks and George Christopher Roberts, had been taken into custody because they were taking part in a political meeting and this is not permitted to tourists. They were delivered to the Mexican Immigration. Along with the Americans seven Mexicans were also arrested for disturbing the peace in the area of Iztalcalco known as Apatlaco. The Mexicans were subsequently released. Among the Mexicans were two newspapermen from the magazine "Por Que." The rest were students.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on December 7, 1973, relayed information from what he characterized as a reliable source [REDACTED]

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T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [REDACTED]

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T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [REDACTED]

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Date: 12/26/73

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)  
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)  
SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
(KEY EXTREMIST)  
EM - AIM  
*S. Eagle Banks*  
*Watson Banks*

Re Minneapolis LHM to the Bureau of SA [redacted]  
dated 9/26/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. The Bureau is requested to disseminate two copies of this LHM to [redacted]. Also attached for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-376.

Enclosed for Denver and Los Angeles are two copies each of LHM captioned as above for information.

Minneapolis will disseminate copies of this LHM to United States Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sources referred to in enclosed LHM are as follows:

- MP T-1 is [redacted]
- MP T-2 is [redacted]
- MP T-3 is [redacted]
- MP T-4 is [redacted]

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*ARM [unclear]*  
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Approved: 54 JAN 11 1974  
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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will attempt to determine current permanent residence of subject as set forth in body of LHM.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will continue to follow and report activities of subject.

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☒ This report is classified confidential because  
(state reason)  
disclosure of paragraphs marked ~~classified~~ would directly identify the source and place him in great physical danger.

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)  
because he is under current indictment on Federal charges stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)

Reasons explained in previous report.

10. ☐ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☐ Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ (date) Placed ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. ☒ Subject is Extremist in ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 26, 1973

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE:

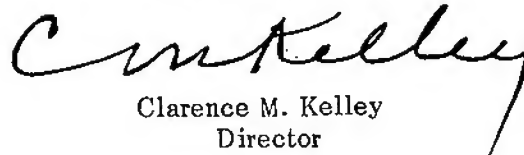
Dear Sir:

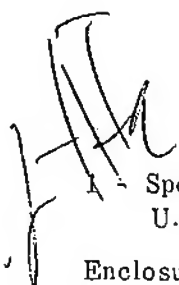
The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☒ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
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4. ☒ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

 Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Enclosure(s) (1)





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

December 26, 1973

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

All paragraphs in this Letterhead Memorandum are unclassified with the exception of those marked (C) which are classified confidential.

I. PREDICATION

This investigation is based on information which indicates the subject is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection) or 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), as indicated hereafter. Subject has been identified as being actively involved in demonstrations and violent confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City and Custer areas of South Dakota. From February 27 through May 8, 1973, American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders and members and their supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms taking a number of the community's residents as hostages. Before surrendering to Federal authorities, they engaged in numerous violent and destructive acts and gunfire was exchanged with Federal authorities resulting in the death of two of the insurgents.

Characterizations for AIM and Wounded Knee can be found on an appendix page attached hereto.

On September 25, 1973, a complaint was signed before United States Magistrate James H. Wilson, Rapid City, South Dakota, charging the subject with violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073; and that "on or about September 25, 1973, at Rapid City, South Dakota, in the Western District of South Dakota, Dennis James Banks did flee the state of South Dakota to Canada to avoid prosecution for the crimes of burglary, arson, and assault in Custer City, Custer County, South Dakota; in violation of South Dakota Criminal Law 22-18-1, assault with a dangerous weapon, South Dakota Criminal Law 22-33-2, two counts of second degree arson, South Dakota Criminal Law 22-32-8, third degree burglary, and South Dakota Criminal Law 22-10-1, riot and conspiracy, all being felonies in the state of South Dakota.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

On October 5, 1973, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Pierre, South Dakota, advised that Dennis James Banks did not appear for \$105,000 Federal Bond hearing before United States District Court Judge Nichols at Pierre, South Dakota, at 10:00 a.m., October 5, 1973; rescheduled for 3:00 p.m., same date. At 3:00 p.m. [redacted] appeared in Chambers of Judge Nichols and advised that Dennis Banks was snowbound in Canada and could not appear. In the October 19, 1973, final edition of the Rapid City Journal, published in Rapid City, South Dakota, appeared the following article captioned, "Little Reaction Yet To Bissonette's Death":

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"Pine Ridge (AP) - There was little noticeable reaction on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Thursday to news that American Indian Movement (AIM) member Pedro Bissonette had been killed while resisting arrest."

"Although some reservation residents privately expressed anger over Bissonette's death, few were anxious to talk about it."

"However, AIM executive director Dennis Banks has called the shooting of Bissonette 'an assassination' by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)."

"Banks, speaking in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, said Thursday that Indians must retaliate for the incident. He said AIM leaders were meeting to discuss the death."

"He said it had not been determined whether retaliation would take legal avenues or be taken 'into the streets'."

"The AIM leader was in Mount Pleasant to speak at Central Michigan University. He is on a tour of college campuses to give AIM's view of the Wounded Knee occupation."

"Banks said he was told Bissonette was shot nine times, while Federal authorities say he was shot once."

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"The Government will thoroughly investigate the matter, but thoroughly do nothing', Banks charged. He contended the Government has not yet acted on a 105 previously registered complaints."

"Banks said the best thing to do with the Bureau of Indian Affairs would be dissolution. AIM consistently has criticized the Bureau for its alleged failure to help Indians."

"Indians would be better off if the BIA was abolished and no one was 'dictating the policy of our lives', Banks said. 'A complete review of the BIA would shock anyone'."

"Banks said he was said, but not surprised to hear of Bissonette's death."

In the October 22, 1973, Morning Edition of the St. Paul Pioneer Press published in St. Paul, Minnesota, appeared the following article captioned, "AIM Leader Calls For Talks On Slaying":

"American Indian Movement (AIM) Leader Dennis Banks disclosed Sunday he is organizing a summit conference of Indian leaders, Government and religious officials to peacefully resolve the matter of last week's slaying of Pedro Bissonette shot and killed by BIA Police."

"It will be a last, desperate attempt,' Banks said of the meeting, 'to meet peacefully with those people who have been involved in the persecution and wholesale assassination' of the AIM leadership."

"Banks, who met newsmen outside the University of Minnesota field house where Indians from around the nation had gathered for the sixth annual AIM sponsored wild rice festival, said the meeting is planned for one week from today in either Pierre or Kyle, South Dakota."

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

"Banks said invitations to the conference have been issued to Justice Department and BIA Officials, South Dakota's Governor Richard Kneip, and United States Senator James Abourezk, Chiefs of both the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, and Officials of the National Council of Churches."

"Meanwhile, Banks said AIM leaders plan a caravan from the Twin Cities to attend Bissonette's funeral Tuesday."

"Banks said he will be in United States District Court at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this morning to contest a restraining order issued against him Saturday by District Judge Fred Nichols, prohibiting him from setting foot on the Pine Ridge Reservation where Bissonette's funeral ceremony will be held."

"Banks, as well as AIM Leaders Russell Means and Leonard Crow Dog, were ordered by Judge Nichols to stay off the Reservation until they could show cause their bonds (in connection with upcoming trials) should not be changed ordering them from the Reservation."

"Banks labeled the temporary restraining order 'harassment ... and an attempt to prevent AIM leaders from attending an important religious ceremony', but said he would abide by the decision made in court in the scheduled hearing today."

"Bissonette, authorities reported, was shot by BIA Police who were attempting to serve him with a Federal warrant."

"Banks said Bissonette died 'a true Indian Patriot', and vowed he and other AIM Leaders 'will continue his warrior spirit'."

Members of the American  
Indian Movement S.D.

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In the October 24, 1973, final edition of the Rapid City Journal published in Rapid City, South Dakota, appeared the following article captioned "Bissonette Buried, Residents Uneasy":

"Pine Ridge (AP) - American Indian Movement (AIM) Leader Pedro Bissonette was buried on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Tuesday as area residents waited uneasily for another outbreak of violence."

"Another reservation AIM Leader Russell Means attended the services but Dennis Banks, an AIM Officer from Minnesota, was barred from the reservation by a Tribal Court Order and was threatened with six months in jail and a \$600 fine if he entered the Pine Ridge Reservation."

"Funeral services were scheduled for mid-morning but were postponed so that a caravan of 60 cars could accompany Bissonette's body from about 30 miles to the reservation line so Banks could spend a few minutes at the coffin. He knelt by the open casket in a windswept pasture and said: 'Pedro is finally free. Pedro fought for what he believed and he paid the supreme price for that fight,' Banks said, 'it is only another in a series of indignities that he must be brought outside the reservation so that I can pay my respects'."

"Banks told some 300 persons accompanying the body, 'you must be prepared physically and mentally to carry on the fight that Pedro believed in.'"

"Banks said he had good reactions from South Dakota and Federal Government Officials to a proposed meeting next week in Pierre to discuss the shooting death. He called that meeting an attempt to discuss peacefully the circumstances surrounding Bissonette's death."

"Banks and AIM Attorney Ramon Roubideaux then left the reservation to go to Rapid City. Roubideaux said they would contact United States District Judge Fred Nichols, who had refused Monday to bar AIM leaders from the reservation."

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In the October 31, 1973, evening edition of the St. Paul Dispatch published in St. Paul, Minnesota, appeared the following article captioned "Three Indian Groups To Seek Peace in South Dakota":

"Tulsa (AP) - Three Indian groups will meet to seek an end to hostility in South Dakota, the National Leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM) said Tuesday."

"Dennis Banks said officials of the National Tribal Council Association and the National Congress of American Indians will meet within 30 days."

"Banks and Russell Means, a former AIM Director, spoke at a news conference in connection with their trip to the annual convention of the National Congress of American Indians to seek help in the South Dakota controversy."

"'Repression of the Federal Government has reached the point of assassination', Means said. 'Since the end of the Wounded Knee occupation,' Means said, 'four persons associated with AIM have been killed in South Dakota and others live in fear of their lives'."

"He blamed the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Policemen for two of the deaths. The other two have not been investigated by the Bureau he said."

"'We are seeing outright murder on the Pine Ridge Reservation', he said."

"The FBI is trying to kill every member of the AIM Central Committee. They don't know who they are so they are taking random shots."

"'When Wounded Knee ended', Banks said, 'we laid down alot of weapons and those weapons are still close by. Unless something is done now, the weapons will never again be laid down by AIM'."

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

On November 15, 1973, [redacted]  
[redacted] District Immigration Officer,  
1400 - 200 Portage, advised that Dennis James Banks, one  
of aiding United States authorities in Yellow Knife,  
Northwest Territories, Canada, was using the aliases  
"S. Eagle" and "Watson".

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On November 21, 1973, MP T-1 advised that Dennis  
James Banks arrived in Tucson, Arizona, on November 20,  
1973, and held a news conference at the Hilton Inn in  
Tucson. Source stated that in conference which was  
covered by local television, Banks severely criticized  
the Alaska Pipeline Proposal. Banks stated that the  
Federal Government would have to compensate Indians over  
whose land the pipeline will cross and the Indians will  
have to have a voice in the placing of the pipeline on  
their lands or that Wounded Knee will look like a picnic.

On November 17, 1973, MP T-2 advised that Dennis  
James Banks has now moved to Los Angeles, California,  
permanently, but exact address is unknown.

In the November 21, 1973, evening edition of the  
St. Paul Dispatch published in St. Paul, Minnesota, appeared  
the following article captioned, "Tough Opposition Foreseen  
Indian Leader Raps Alaskan Pipeline":

"Tucson (UPI) - Indians will take up  
arms if necessary to stop the Alaska Pipeline  
and 'make Wounded Knee look like a boyscout  
picnic', an Indian leader said Tuesday."

"Dennis Banks, National Executive Director  
of the American Indian Movement (AIM), told a  
news conference the pipeline will damage the  
habitat of the region, hurting hunting and  
fishing and cause misery for generations of  
Alaskan Indians to come."

"The Indian response to the Alaska  
Pipeline running along the Indian land will  
make Wounded Knee look like a boyscout picnic',  
Banks said."

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"AIM this year occupied Wounded Knee, South Dakota - where the Sioux fought the last battle of the Indian wars against the United States Calvary in 1890 - and held off Federal Marshals and Indian Police in a sometimes bloody siege."

"Banks said the pipeline 'will deny Indians the right to live the way they want, destroy the Indian pattern of living, and cause total destruction'."

"Banks scoffed at reports of a current oil shortage."

"The current situation has been provoked by the oil industry so it can establish price controls and increase its holdings," he said."

In a November 26, 1973, final edition of the Rapid City Journal published in Rapid City, South Dakota, appeared the following article captioned, "Custer Riot Trials Set In Several Cities":

"Indian activists charged in connection with the Custer County Court House violence last February will be tried in several eastern South Dakota Circuit Courts, it was learned Friday."

"The spokesman said 18 persons have been indicted, including American Indian Movement (AIM) Leader Dennis Banks of Minneapolis. Some of them, including AIM Leaders Russell Means of Porcupine and Vernon Bellecourt of Denver haven't been arraigned yet."

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"The indictments name a variety of charges including arson, riot, and assault."

"The court spokesman said the remaining cases will be divided among circuit courts in eastern South Dakota but said the final plan of distribution has not been completed. The defendant sought the changes of venue contending they couldn't receive an impartial trial in Custer."



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"The rock-throwing, club-swinging incident erupted February 6, 1973, when AIM members and supporters were in Custer to demand that the charge against a white man accused of killing an Indian be changed from manslaughter to murder."

On December 4, 1973, MP T-3 advised that he has



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On December 7, 1973, MP T-4 advised that Dennis James Banks was arrested by Mexican authorities, Mexico City, during a student rally, University of Mexico, where Banks made "inflammatory statements" against the United States and Mexico. Dennis Banks was informally charged with interfering with the internal security of the Mexican Government and jailed on December 6, 1973, with subsequent deportation on December 7, 1973, [redacted]

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In the December 13, 1973, issue of the Birmingham News published in Birmingham, Alabama, appeared the following article wherein Banks was interviewed and stated that he, Banks, and his attorney, Robert R. Bryan, along with Mrs. Debbie Brensinger of Bryan's staff, and another associate came near to death when Bryan's plane, in which they were flying from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to Chicago, Illinois, went into a tailspin at 17,500 feet. Control of the plane was regained 20 seconds before it would have hit the ground.

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In the December 9, 1973, final edition of the Rapid City Journal published in Rapid City, South Dakota, appeared the following article captioned, "Mexico Deports Dennis Banks":

"Mexico City (AP) - The United States Embassy said that Mexico deported American Indian Movement (AIM) Leader Dennis Banks Friday."

"The Mexican Government said it deported Banks, who was charged earlier this year with involvement in the occupation of Wounded Knee for allegedly interfering in Mexican internal affairs. The Embassy said the Mexican Government would not elaborate."

"Banks was arrested in Mexico City after a conference Thursday on Indian problems, an Embassy spokesman said, and he was placed on a Los Angeles bound plane."

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following is descriptive information regarding Dennis James Banks:

Name	<del>Mrs. Dennis James Banks</del>
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
Date of birth	April 12, 1937
Place of birth	Federal Dam, Minnesota
Citizenship	United States
Height	5'11"
Weight	160
Hair	Black - shoulder length
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Copper
Build	Medium
Scars and marks	Tattoos "Japan 54-57" right upper arm; dagger right forearm; "502-28-0630" left arm and spade
Marital status	

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## APPENDIX

### AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

In an article appearing in the March 18, 1970, issue of "The Denver Post", a daily Denver, Colorado, newspaper, Clyde Bellecourt, described as a Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM), was quoted as saying AIM was founded in Minnesota in 1968 and that it is dedicated to improving Indian housing conditions, employment opportunities and education.

AIM subsequently became involved in the organization of the "Trail of Broken Treaties" which resulted in the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Building, Washington, D.C., early in November, 1972. Damage estimated at close to two million dollars was done to the BIA Building. In January, 1973, AIM participated in a "Unity Conference" at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, which resulted in several confrontations with local authorities and numerous arrests. In February, 1973, AIM led activities resulting in violent confrontations with local authorities in the Rapid City - Custer, South Dakota, areas. In Custer, during a confrontation, the Court House was damaged and the Chamber of Commerce Building was destroyed by fire.

On February 27, 1973, an armed group of Indians under the leadership of AIM took over the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. While occupying the town, Indians and their supporters engaged in acts of violence and destruction, looting the Trading Post and Museum and shooting at Federal authorities. During exchanges of gunfire, a United States Marshal and an FBI Special Agent were wounded and two of the Indian insurgents were killed.

AIM has no official headquarters, however, Vernon Bellecourt, National Director, has stated he works out of the Denver AIM Chapter Office.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

December 26, 1973

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. MP 157-846

Title DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Character EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN  
MOVEMENT

Reference Minneapolis letterhead memorandum  
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed  
in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 12/19/73

Transmit the following in ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (70-7456) (P)  
SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS (u)  
EM - AIM  
OO: Minneapolis

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
ADD. INFORMATION.

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 12/8/73, captioned "AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT", Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 12/7/73, and Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated 12/7/73.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned subject. Additional copies of the LHM are being furnished to the Bureau, two for dissemination to Legat, Mexico, and two for Legat, Ottawa. Also enclosed for each receiving office are two copies of same LHM.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
- 2 - Albuquerque (Enc. 2) (RM)
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- 2 - Washington Field (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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DATE 12-20-73  
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Special Agent in Charge

U.S. Government Printing Office: 1972 - 455-574

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Exempt from GDS Category 3  
Date of Declassification Indefinite  
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Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are identified as follows: (u)

Source One

[REDACTED]

Source Two

[REDACTED]

Source Three

[REDACTED]

Source Four

United States Customs  
Los Angeles, California

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For the sake of clarity, the address and telephone book of DENNIS BANKS has been retyped in full by the Los Angeles Division, however, the original xerox copy of same is maintained in the Exhibit Section of the Los Angeles Division. (u)

Also, for the sake of simplicity, rather than specific leads being set forth, each office will be furnished with a page number of the telephone address book of captioned subject on which names of individuals appeared who reside within the division. (u)

Several individuals and organizations listed in this material could well have been legitimate contacts of BANKS and not engaged in extremist activity. Accordingly, no investigation should be conducted when the individual or organization listed falls into this legitimate contact category. (u)

Receiving offices should review indices to ascertain if information located therein, where coupled with the fact that a name appears in BANKS' telephone book would warrant an extremist investigation. In those instances where further investigation is deemed warranted, advise the Bureau investigation is being instituted setting forth the identities of individuals and organizations on whom this investigation is being conducted. (u)

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Results of investigation conducted need not be  
furnished to the Los Angeles Division unless pertinent. (u) //

LEADS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Los Angeles, California  
December 19, 1973

DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EXTREMIST MATTER  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

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Unless otherwise indicated, all sources mentioned in this communication have furnished reliable information in the past. (u)

On December 6, 1973, Source One advised that [redacted]

[redacted] and Dennis Banks, National AIM Leader, were arrested on instant date in Mexico City with approximately 50 other individuals. The source was unable to elaborate further regarding the circumstances or details of the arrest. (u)

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AIM was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May 1973. (u)

On December 7, 1973, Source Two advised that Dennis Banks and [redacted] were arrested by Mexican authorities, Mexico City, Mexico, during a student rally at the University of Mexico, where Banks made "inflamatory statements" against the United States and Mexico. The two were informally charged with interfering with the internal security of the United States Government and jailed on December 6, 1973. (u)

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157-29309-46  
This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Source Two further advised that [REDACTED]

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On December 8, 1973, Source Three advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (u)  
On December 7, 1973, Source Four advised that Dennis Banks had in his possession a cancelled ticket Number 0024201479008 for Braniff Airways, Incorporated, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Dallas, Texas, to Mexico City, issued on December 3, 1973. Banks also had Visa Number 221-3615170 issued Tulsa, Oklahoma, on December 3, 1973.

On December 7, 1973, Source Four made available a list of telephone numbers and addresses maintained by Banks which are set forth below:

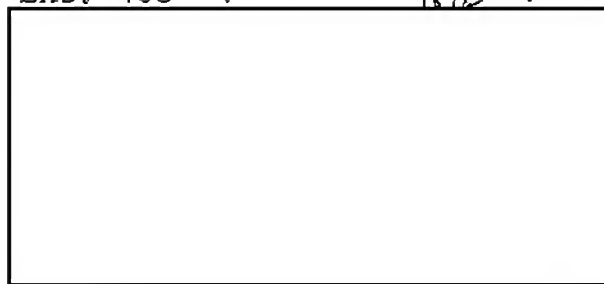
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Ext. 403

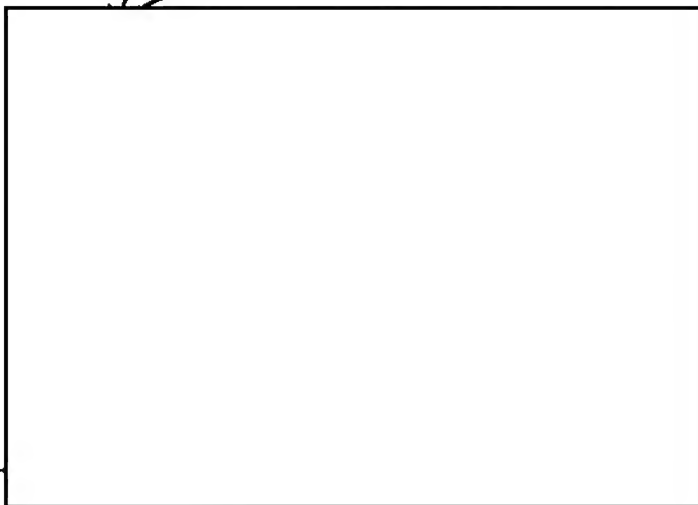
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AIM Camp - LA  
(213) 347-9675  
Topanga Canyon

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Chilocco Ind. School  
(405) 448-3800 or  
448-3966

Chicago AIM  
(312) 528-956 or  
BR 4-3000

Cook Christian Training  
(602) 968-9354

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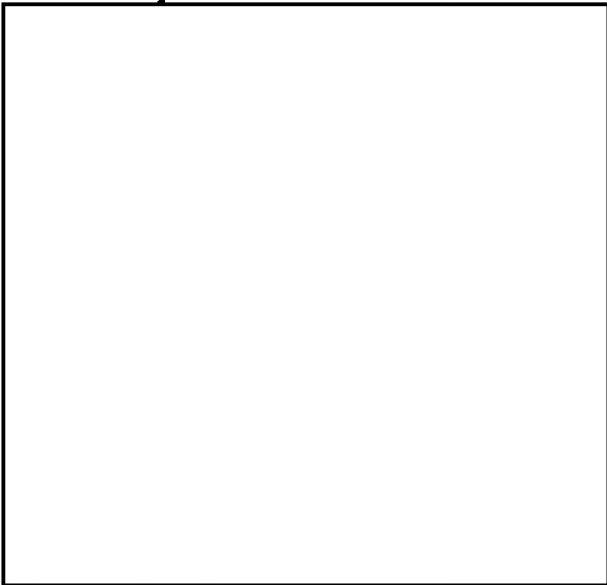
Revista Por Que?  
Apartado 53-122  
Mexico 17, D. F.



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St. Paul AIM  
(612) 224-4395  
Minneapolis (612) 333-7193



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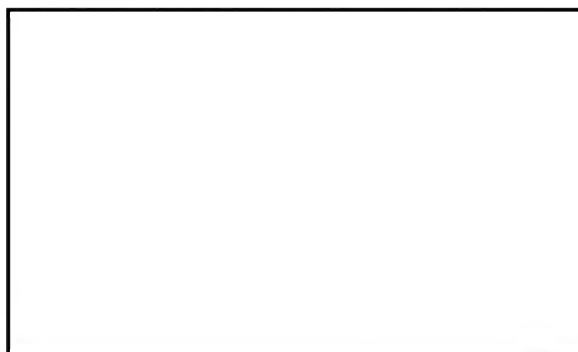
Sonny ~~and~~ Cher  
Nick ~~Bourne~~  
Thursday Night/Friday Night

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Phoenix Indian Center  
(602) 252-6707 or  
253-9812  
613 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona



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637 Cardenas S.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
265-9757 (Office)

St. Paul AIM  
(612) 224-5631

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Zodiac News  
950 Howard Street  
San Francisco, California

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Minneapolis Tribune

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While in Mexico City or Anywhere!!  
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Nicolas San Juan, y  
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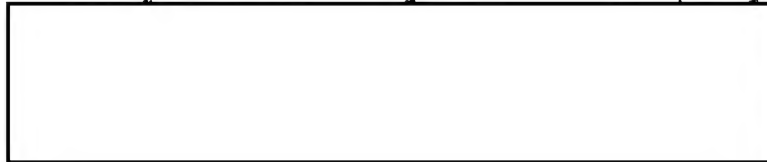
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Issued Tulsa, Oklahoma  
December 3, 1973

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Date: 1/15/74

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (70-7456) (P)  
 RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
 EM - AIM  
 OO: Minneapolis

Re Minneapolis airtel and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau, dated 12/26/73.

On 1/11/74, [redacted] advised that there is no indication that DENNIS BANKS intends to take up permanent residence in Los Angeles at the present time. Informant information has indicated that BANKS intends to commute between St. Paul and Los Angeles and possibly other points during the judicial proceedings which are currently taking place in the aforementioned city.

The following sources, familiar with the activities of American Indian Movement (AIM) in the Los Angeles area, were also contacted and confirmed that, to their knowledge, BANKS has no present plans which indicate that he is moving to Los Angeles:



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Los Angeles will continue to survey sources to determine when and if BANKS will take up permanent residence in the Los Angeles area.

① Bureau  
 4 - Minneapolis (157-846) (AIR MAIL-REGISTERED)  
   (1 - 157-1458)  
   (1 - 157-1459)  
 2 - Los Angeles

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 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-2403)

DATE: 2/7/74

FROM : SAC, DENVER (70-3818) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)

Re Bureau teletype to Birmingham, dated 11/30/73.

Contact has been maintained with [redacted] Source advised he has made inquiries in the Indian community in Denver and has learned no facts concerning BANKS' visit to Mexico in December, 1973.

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- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis (70-6864) (RM)
- 3 - Denver (2 - 70-3818)
- (1 - [redacted])

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-2403)

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (157-96)(RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

DATE: 2/14/74

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau dated 12/19/73  
and Mexico City letter and LHM 12/12/73.

The following comment was made 2/1/74 by   concerning notations in Los Angeles LHM 12/19/73 possibly relating to Mexico:

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Page 12 apparently refers to the magazine (revista) "Porque", a well-known anti-U.S. periodical published at Mexico City, address P.O. Box (Apartado) 53-122, Mexico, Postal Zone 17, Federal District, Mexico.

Page 26 contains a notation "Chalupas Poblanas". Chalupas are a Mexican snack prepared with tortilla flour and poblanas are the style from the City of Puebla. Therefore, this would seem to be just a general reference to a well-known Mexican specialty food.

Nicolas San Juan and Torres Adalid are major Mexico City streets and their intersection apparently indicated here is in a residential section of Mexico City. The intersection has no known significance to source and may indicate an area where someone found these chalupas for sale.

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- (5) - Bureau  
    (1 - Foreign Liaison Unit)  
    (1 - Minneapolis)  
    (1 - Los Angeles, 70-7456)(Info)  
2 - Mexico City  
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TO DIRECTOR

DENVER 157-529

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-3656

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT  
(AIM); EM - AIM. PROPOSED RALLY IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CRUSADE FOR  
JUSTICE, DENVER, COLORADO. **ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED #2127**  
UNREST; OO: DENVER.

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DATE 9/24/82 BY SP6 Bja/ls

ON MARCH 8, 1974, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION

IN THE PAST, STATED BANKS AND MEANS, AND

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THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN MINNESOTA  
IN 1968, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN.  
AIM RECENTLY LED AND PARTICIPATED IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES IN SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA, AND THE RAPID CITY - CUSTER

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AREA OF SOUTH DAKOTA. AIM LED THE TAKEOVER AND OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN FEBRUARY - MAY, 1973.

SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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SOURCE STATED BANKS AND MEANS AND OTHER NATIONAL AIM LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGING NON-VIOLENCE DURING THIS PERIOD [REDACTED]

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THERE ARE NO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON BANKS AND MEANS. THEY HAVE BEEN TRAVELING CONSIDERABLY DURING DAYS THEIR TRIAL IS NOT IN SESSION. INASMUCH AS NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED

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TO INDICATE THAT THEY MAY ENCO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] VIOLENCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] UNITED STATES

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE FRED J. NICHOL, WHO IS HANDLING THEIR TRIAL IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, WAS NOT CONTACTED RELATIVE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE DENVER TELETYPE DATED FEBRUARY 26, 1974, CAPTIONED "PROPOSED RALLY IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE, DENVER, COLORADO, MARCH 17, 1974; EM - POTENTIAL CIVIL UNREST; OO: DENVER", AND DENVER TELETYPES DATED MARCH 5 & 7, 1974, CAPTIONED "DENNIS JAMES BANKS; RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; EM - AIM".

THE CURRENT ATTITUDE OF UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE NICHOL OF ST. PAUL AND RECENT COMMENTS BY HIM IN OPEN COURT, WHICH WERE NOT COMPLIMENTARY TO THE FBI, IS ANOTHER REASON WHY NO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH HIM RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR BANKS AND MEANS.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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MINNEAPOLIS WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE [REDACTED]  
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CC: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (176-2403)

DATE: 1/21/74

FROM SAC, OMAHA (157-1821) (P)

SUBJECT *DENNIS*  
DANNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

*Dennis James Banks*

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau and enclosed LHM dated 12/19/73.

Referenced LHM furnished contents of an address book which had been in the possession of the subject when he was arrested in Mexico City. The following information was obtained through contact with [redacted] and review of appropriate directories for Des Moines, Iowa. Page numbers refer to the the page number in the address book as indicated at the top of the page of referenced LHM.

Page 1 - Telephone Number (602) 262-6341 is the telephone number of the Hilton Inn, Phoenix, Arizona, where a number of AIM members have stayed while in Phoenix in recent weeks. Extension 403 would indicate a room number in the motel.

[redacted]

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2 - Bureau

1 - Los Angeles (70-1456) (Info)

2 - Minneapolis (Info)

1 - Phoenix (Info)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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7:27PM NITEL FEBRUARY 27, 1974 **TELETYPE**

TO: DIRECTOR (176-2403) *07 to m from m 157#*  
MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) *07 to m from m 157#*

FROM: OMAHA (157-1821) (P) 1P

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD ON FEBRUARY 23, 1974, SET OUT ARTICLE WHICH INDICATED THAT DENNIS JAMES BANKS HAS BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT DANA COLLEGE, BLAIR, NEBRASKA, ON FEBRUARY 28, 1974. HE WAS INVITED BY THE DANA COLLEGE STUDENT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONCERN.

ON FEBRUARY 27, 1974, ESTABLISHED SOURCE AT DANA COLLEGE VERIFIED BANKS WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE OMAHA, NEBRASKA, AT 6:38 P.M., FEBRUARY 28, 1974, NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES AND PROCEED TO BLAIR, NEBRASKA, 35 MILES NORTH OF OMAHA, HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE, AND SPEAK AT 8:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 28, 1974. BANKS IS ALLEGEDLY DUE BACK IN COURT IN ST. PAUL EARLY FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 1, 1974.

BANKS' APPEARANCE AT DANA COLLEGE WILL BE COVERED BY ESTABLISHED SOURCES ONLY AND LHM SUBMITTED.

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Director Sec'y	_____

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*2cc Crim (413, 155)  
1cc SS, Extension  
K/E 1/2/74  
2/28/74*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/28/74

FROM : LEGAT, CARACAS (157-51) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)  
EM  
Bufile 100-462483

Re Bureau cables 1/29/74 and 2/13/74; and Bureau airtel 2/4/74.

Appropriate officials of the American Embassy, Caracas, Venezuela, have been furnished all pertinent information regarding the possible threat of AIM attacks on embassies.

No information regarding any AIM plans in the area covered by the Caracas Office has so far come to attention. Should any data be developed in the future, it will be immediately furnished to the Bureau by cable.

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- (3) - Bureau
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
- 1 - Caracas



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (176-2403)

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-1821) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: MINNEAPOLIS

DATE: 3/18/74

Re Omaha nitel to Bureau 2/27/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and to Minneapolis two copies of an LHM reflecting that subject spoke at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, 2/28/74.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc.-5) **EXCLUSION**  
2 - Minneapolis (157-846) (Enc.-2)  
2 - Omaha  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Omaha, Nebraska

March 18, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

The Omaha World-Herald, a daily newspaper, issue of February 24, 1974, set out that subject was scheduled to speak at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, on the evening of February 28, 1974.

Banks' appearance was arranged by the Dana College Student Committee on Human Rights and Concerns.

The Omaha World-Herald issue of March 1, 1974, set out in an article entitled "Banks: Wounded Knee 'Worth It'" that Dennis Banks, an American Indian Movement (AIM) leader, addressed an audience of about 500 at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, on February 28, 1974. During his speech Banks noted that "Wounded Knee was worth it," and he said that he has been charged with ten crimes stemming from Wounded Knee, including burglary and conspiracy. Banks was quoted as saying, "I look to Washington and I understand where the real burglars in this country are." Before his speech Banks said in an interview, "Attitudes about the Indian have changed for the better because of Wounded Knee." He called the incident "the most single, most important event in Indian history." He stated that the Wounded Knee incident has also boosted the ranks of AIM, which "has grown by leaps and bounds."

The article also set out that Banks told the audience of the events leading up to Wounded Knee, the goals of AIM, and his troubles with prosecution on the charges stemming from the incident.

In referring to the Wounded Knee incident, Banks said during his speech, "For the first time in the history of the United States, there was a concentrated concern for the problems that face the Indian people. We were on the brink of disaster, not only as a tribe, but as a race of people. Only one solution remained. It was Wounded Knee."

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American

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ENCLOSURE

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

On March 11, 1974, Chief of Police, Blair, Nebraska, John Hoppe, stated he had learned Banks was paid \$400 plus expenses for his trip to Blair and his speech by the Student Committee who invited him.

**FBI**

Date: 3/14/74

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_ **CODE**  
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Via TELETYPE URGENT (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (157-28313)(MAIL)  
MINNEAPOLIS (70-6832)

FROM: KANSAS CITY (176-80)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS; CIR-BURGLARY, ET AL.  
RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SAC'S, MARCH 3, 1974.

SEVEN KANSAS CITY AGENTS, WHO SERVED IN WOUNDED KNEE, S.C.,  
WORKED ON ROADBLOCK NO. ONE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER DURING  
ASSIGNMENT THERE. GENERALLY THE AGENTS WERE AWARE OF A TELEPHONE  
AVAILABLE ON ROADBLOCK NO. ONE; HOWEVER, NONE UTILIZED THE  
TELEPHONE FOR ANY PURPOSE DUE TO OTHER SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR (155-452433)

MINNEAPOLIS

FROM DENVER (157-529) (P) 4P

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS; DENNIS JAMES BANKS. AIM

ABOVE CAPTIONED SUBJECTS OBSERVED TO ARRIVE STAPLETON  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SIA), DENVER, BY SA OF FBI ON WESTERN  
AIRLINES FLIGHT 479 FROM ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. THEY WERE MET AT  
SIA BY APPROXIMATELY 60 AMERICAN INDIANS, MANY RECOGNIZED AS  
MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF AIM. SEVERAL UNKNOWN INDIAN INDIVIDUALS  
WEARING RED ARM BANDS ACTED AS SECURITY PATROL IN AIRPORT.  
OBSERVED WELCOMING SUBJECTS WAS [REDACTED] DENVER

AIM CHAPTER. GROUP DEPARTED AIRPORT VIA PERSONAL AUTOS TO  
DENVER INDIAN CENTER.

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2cc Cinn (G.S., 155)  
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SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST STATED APPROXIMATELY 365 PERSONS HALF INDIANS AND EQUAL NUMBER OF CHICANOS AND WHITES ATTENDED THE MEETING AT DENVER INDIAN CENTER. SOURCE STATED SUBJECTS GAVE SPEECHES CONTAINING STATEMENTS AGAINST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND CLAIMED THEIR TRIAL IN ST. PAUL AS A MOCKERY OF JUSTICE. MEANS STATED IT WAS A MOCKERY TO PROSECUTE THE NATIVE AMERICANS WHO ARE THE ORIGINAL LANDLORDS OF THIS COUNTRY. BOTH MEANS AND BANKS URGED UNITY OF THE MEXICAN AMERICANS AND INDIANS AND ACKNOWLEDGED SUPPORT BOTH IN PERSON AND BY MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES WHICH HAD BEEN FURNISHED BY CHICANOS IN THE PAST. ALSO SPEAKING WAS [REDACTED] WHOM SOURCE STATED WAS INVOLVED IN THE WOUNDED KNEE TAKEOVER BY AMERICAN INDIANS AND [REDACTED] BOTH MEMBERS OF THE CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE. THE LATER TWO SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR CONFRONTATION WITH POLICE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING SCHOOLS RUN BY THE CHICANO AND INDIAN COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO REACH THE CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE YOUNG.

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AT THE INDIAN CENTER, SOURCE OBSERVED AN INDIAN MALE WHO  
USES THE NICK NAME [REDACTED] AND FNU [REDACTED] BOTH OF WHOM

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SOURCE

[REDACTED] IN THE COMPANY OF TWO YOUNG  
INDIAN FEMALES AT THE INDIAN CENTER, HOWEVER HE DID NOT SPEAK.

SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED MEANS AND BANKS ARE TRAVELING TO BOULDER,  
COLORADO, THIS DATE TO APPEAR ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIV. OF COLO.  
AND SOURCE BELIEVES THEIR SPEECHES WILL BE ALONG THE SAME LINES  
AS THEY GAVE AT THE INDIAN CENTER. NO DISTURBANCES AT THE SIA  
OR INDIAN CENTER, HOWEVER, SOURCE STATED TENURE OF TALK WAS QUITE  
MILITANT AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT IN NATURE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

AGENT OBSERVING MEANS AND BANKS ARRIVING AT SIA WAS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SOURCE DESCRIBED IN TELETYPE IS [REDACTED] AMONG  
INDIVIDUALS ACTING AS SECURITY GUARDS FOR MEANS AND BANKS WAS  
INDIAN MALE; 33 - 35, APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET 10 INCHES, 212 LBS.,  
WEARING BROWN COWBOY HAT WHO LEFT AIRPORT IN BLUE CHEVROLET PICKUP  
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WITH CAMPER BEARING COLO. LICENSE [REDACTED] ALSO OBSERVED MEETING

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SUBJECTS WAS INDIVIDUAL DRIVING A RED COMPACT CAR, COLO. LICENSE

[REDACTED] THIRD INDIVIDUAL WAS DEPARTING SIA IN LIGHT BLUE COMPACT  
STATION WAGON BEARING NEW MEXICO LICENSE [REDACTED] (YEAR UNKNOWN).

AS BANKS AND MEANS TRANSPORTED FROM SIA TO INDIAN CENTER  
BY KNOWN DENVER AIR MEMBERS, SURVEILLANCE WAS DISCONTINUED AT  
SIA.

BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FOR ONE CLR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1922) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: MP

DATE: 3/27/74

Re OMnitel to Bureau, 11/21/73.

The following investigation was conducted by SA

AT FT. MC DOWELL INDIAN RESERVATION,  
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

On 12/7/73, [redacted] Ft. Mc Dowell Indian Reservation and [redacted] were contacted based on information received from source that [redacted] Ft. Mc Dowell Tribal Counsel, had invited DENNIS BANKS, AIM, to come to the reservation and assist the local people against the U.S. Corps of Engineers in the building of a dam, which would cause the flooding of the reservation. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was one of the persons attending a meeting in Oklahoma City along with [redacted] in which AIM members participated.

According to [redacted] secured a promise from DENNIS BANKS that he would assist in any way possible, the residents of the Ft. Mc Dowell Indian Reservation in their efforts against the U.S. Corps of Engineers in the building of the dam. No date for this activity was scheduled. It is noted that the Corps of Engineers has not date set for the beginning of the construction or survey for the construction of the dam.

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2 - Minneapolis (157-1458)  
1 - Omaha (157-1821) (info.)  
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Subsequent to the above contact, Phoenix has maintained liaison with logical sources, but no information has been developed to indicate that the subject plans a visit to Arizona.

On 3/5/74, [ ] advised that to his knowledge, no AIM activities had taken place on the reservation. b6 b7C

In the event that any pertinent information regarding subject visiting this area is received, the Bureau and OO will be advised.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	DATE <b>4/18/74</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/26/73 - 3/28/74</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>DENNIS JAMES BANKS</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>mjs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  (KEY EXTREMIST) EM - AIM	

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Minneapolis airtel with LHM by SA  dated 12/26/73 and captioned as above.

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Two copies of an FD 376 are attached to two copies of this report. One (1) copy of Minneapolis report is being furnished to Denver for information in view of its interest in American Indian Movement (AIM) activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

- (5) - Bureau (157-29309) (RM)  
 1 - U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota (RM)  
 1 - Denver (RM)  
 2 - Minneapolis (157-846)

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1973
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason)
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)

of his being under current indictment on Federal charges stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)

BANKS is current National Executive Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

10. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☒ Submitted 5/15/73 <sup>date</sup> Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No
11. ☒ Subject is Extremist in ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.
12. ☒ Subject designated and/or included in:
 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 18, 1974

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EXTREMIST MATTER -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☒ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☒ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota (RM)

Enclosure(s) (1)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota (RM)

Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: April 18, 1974

Office: Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Field Office File #: 157-846

Bureau File #: 157-29309

Title: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTER -  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis: DENNIS JAMES BANKS is current National Executive Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and a member of the AIM Central Committee. BANKS currently resides at 2616 Harriet Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. BANKS attempted to deal with the kidnapers of PATRICIA HEARST for her release. Financial matters and other activities set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS

On January 2, 1974, MP T-1 advised that DENNIS JAMES BANKS is currently residing at 2616 Harriet Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, [REDACTED]  
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Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.



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On January 2, 1974, MP T-1 advised that [ ] is a prominent member of the American Indian Movement (AIM) in the Minneapolis area.

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#### AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM recently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

#### WOUNDED KNEE TAKEOVER

On February 27, 1973, members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) with non-Indian supporters, seized hostages and by force of arms, occupied the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, during which parts of the town were burned and ransacked, six members of AIM were wounded, two fatally, two Federal officers were wounded, one permanently paralyzed, in several exchanges of gunfire between occupants and surrounding Government forces. On May 8, 1973, the occupation ended by the surrender of the remaining occupants. More than 200 arrests were made in connection with the occupation.

On January 25, 1974, MP T-2 advised that during the occupation of Wounded Knee DENNIS BANKS carried a .45, .38 caliber, and a Japanese pistol.

On January 28, 1974, MP T-1 advised that the new current AIM National Leaders include DENNIS BANKS as National Executive Director. BANKS is also on the AIM Central Committee which makes all the important decisions.

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On January 9, 1974, MP T-3 advised that DENNIS BANKS has about [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is a prominent AIM member and AIM [REDACTED]

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MP T-3 further advised that [REDACTED] was known to advocate a "confrontation anywhere because it was good for business".

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On January 4, 1974, MP T-4 advised that during the AIM Wild Rice Festival several weeks ago, [REDACTED]

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The following article appeared in the February 15, 1974, morning edition of the Minneapolis Tribune, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Minneapolis, Minnesota:

"Banks Asks Safe Return of Hearst's Daughter"

"American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks said Thursday he is trying to get an agreement with other organizations to negotiate the release of Patricia Hearst, who was kidnapped from her California apartment 10 days ago.

"AIM and five other organizations were named by the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA), the group that claims to have kidnapped the daughter of wealthy newspaper publisher Randolph Hearst, as the distributors of \$400 million in food to the poor of California.

"Banks said he is suggesting to the other groups that each send a representative to meet with the kidnappers and 'ask for the safe return of that girl before there's any food distributed.'

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"We want to assure the parents and the American people that girl is safe and that we return with the girl and then Mr. Hearst can do what his conscience dictates," Banks said. "We want to do everything possible to make sure the girl is returned safely."

"Banks said he is going to California Saturday to meet with representatives of the other organizations."

The following article appeared in the February 21, 1974, morning edition of the Minneapolis Tribune published in Minneapolis, Minnesota, captioned "Banks, Means Condemn Hearst Kidnapping":

"Dennis Banks, Russell Means and Attorney William Kunstler spent three days in San Francisco meeting with the Hearst family and representatives of five other organizations designated by the kidnapers to supervise the distribution of food they demanded from Randolph Hearst, San Francisco newspaper and magazine publisher."

"Kunstler gave Means and Banks much of the credit for winning the approval of the other organizations for the distribution plan offered by Hearst Tuesday to the Symbionese Liberation Army".

On January 28, 1974, MP T-1 advised that RUSSELL MEANS is a member of the AIM Central Committee which makes all the important decisions for AIM.

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DENNIS BANKS, and a member of the Wounded Knee [REDACTED]

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The following article appeared in the Sioux Falls - "Argus Leader" on February 18, 1974. The "Argus Leader" published in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is a published daily newspaper of general circulation.

"Banks: AIM to Act as Ransom Observer"

"Cedar Rapids, Iowa (AP) - Dennis Banks, executive director of the American Indian Movement, said Friday night that AIM will act as an observer in the distribution of the ransom for Patricia Hearst.

"Banks issued a plea to the Symbionese Liberation Army, which claims it 'arrested' the newspaper heiress at her apartment near the University of California campus, that no harm come to Miss Hearst.

"Banks' message was relayed to the San Francisco radio station that has been acting as a go-between since the kidnaping. AIM was one of six organizations requested to act as observers."

On February 18, 1974, MP T-5 advised that DENNIS BANKS addressed a three-day conference entitled "Wounded Knee: Indian Rights of Trial," from February 14 - 16, 1974. The conference was held at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, Chicano Indian Cultural Center. No protests or arrests or incidents occurred within the three-day conference.

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On February 11, 1974, MP T-6 advised that DENNIS BANKS attended a fund-raising concert for the Wounded Knee Legal Defense Fund at the University of Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

On February 9, 1974, MP T-6 advised that BANKS arrived at 9:30 AM from Denver, Colorado, and addressed approximately 2,000 individuals attending the concert. BANKS then departed Albuquerque the afternoon of February 10, 1974, for St. Paul, Minnesota.

On February 25, 1974, MP T-7 advised that [REDACTED]

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MP T-1 advised on January 28, 1974, that [REDACTED]  
of AIM.

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MP T-7 further advised that [REDACTED]

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On February 21, 1974, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Albuquerque Area  
Office, advised that the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] of BIA, [REDACTED] attended a meeting at the  
request of DENNIS BANKS the afternoon of February 11, 1974,  
at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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[ ] stated that the discussion was of proposed plans by AIM to hold a general information workshop for the Pueblo Indians, Albuquerque Area Office BIA personnel, and other interested persons, the date tentatively being set for March 30, 1974. [ ] stated that the AIM representative stated the purpose of the meeting would be to provide general information about the purpose of AIM and to identify some of the services AIM might be able to provide for the Pueblo people in such areas as civil rights, employment, housing, law enforcement, education, etc. [ ] stated that DENNIS BANKS emphasized that AIM intentions were not to cause any kind of disruption, but rather to present information with the hope that all people interested in Indian affairs might work in cooperation towards the same goal, further stating that while he realized BIA would probably have security personnel around, everything would remain peaceful as long as no one got "pushy".

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[ ] stated that a tentative location for the meeting would be Santo Domingo Pueblo, New Mexico (depending on whether or not it would be approved by the Pueblo Indian people).

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Date: 3/25/74

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL, REGISTERED  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-462483)  
FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-529) (P)  
SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

RUSSELL MEANS  
EM - AIM  
(DN File 70-3806)

DENNIS BANKS  
EM - AIM  
(DN File 70-3818)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM and two copies for each receiving office of an LHM concerning captioned organization. As set forth in LHM BANKS and MEANS were involved in speeches and rallies on successive weekends in Denver, Colorado.

The Denver Police Department, Denver, Colorado, have tape recordings of entire speech made by MEANS at the rally in Denver on 3/17/74; however, UACB this speech will not be transcribed as none of the statements made by MEANS involve a violation of Federal or local law and it is felt that they do not constitute significant intelligence information since they are essentially the same as previous speeches made by MEANS throughout the country.

6 - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM) (2-157-29309) (2-157-MEANS)  
2 - Albuquerque (RM) (Encs. 2)  
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3 - Minneapolis (157-1458) (Encs. 2) (RM) ~~NOT RECORDED~~  
(157-1509)  
1 - Phoenix (157-1436) (RM) (Encs. 2) (Info.)  
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As MEANS and BANKS have reportedly returned to St. Paul, Minnesota for their trials, Denver has no active investigation concerning them and their cases are being considered RUC in the Denver Division.

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LEADS:

ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: Will attempt to identify individual mentioned as President of the National Indian Youth Congress or similar named organization who spoke along with MEANS and BANKS at Boulder, Colorado on 3/9/74.  described this individual as an Indian female, approximately 23-27 years of age, 5'6", 200 pounds, wearing necklace of double row of black bones.

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BUTTE DIVISION

AT NORTHERN CHEYENNE INDIAN RESERVATION, MONTANA:

Will contact sources to determine if AIM plans to intervene in planned strip-mining operation scheduled to begin in June, 1974.

All auxiliary offices will contact logical sources to determine if AIM plans a takeover on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation similar to that which occurred at Wounded Knee in February, 1973.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Denver, Colorado

March 25, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-529

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

RUSSELL MEANS

DENNIS BANKS

On March 6, 1974, Source 1, who has previously furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Russell Means and Dennis Banks were to be in Denver, Colorado to speak on Friday, March 8, 1974 at 6:00 p.m. at the Denver Native American United Center (DNAU), 16th and Gaylord Streets. Source 1 advised that these individuals would then travel to Boulder, Colorado to make a speech at the University of Colorado (CU) and would thereafter return to St. Paul, Minnesota. Source 1 learned from an individual whom he regards as reliable, that supporters of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and also Mexican-Americans, who are members of the Crusade for Justice, are to meet at Stapleton International Airport (SIA), Denver, Colorado and march to the Indian center. Source 1 learned

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that numerous out-of-town persons including Banks and Means would support the crusade at their rally in memory of one Luis "Jr." Martinez, to be held at the State Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado on March 17, 1974.

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RUSSELL MEANS  
DENNIS BANKS

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#### CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE

The Crusade for Justice is a militant Mexican-American organization founded in 1968 with headquarters in Denver, Colorado. Its political arm is known as "La Raza Unida" - The United (Mexican - American) People. Its objective is development of the Mexican-American community in political education and social action.

On March 6, 1974, Source 2, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Banks and Means were scheduled to arrive in Denver on Western Airlines (WAL) Flight 479 from St. Paul, Minnesota at 7:35 p.m. on March 8, 1974.

On March 8, 1974, a Special Agent of the FBI observed approximately 60 Indians at the boarding area of Concourse "C", SIA, Gate 1, awaiting the arrival of WAL Flight 479. Observed in the crowd were [redacted] of the Denver Chapter of AIM and several known members of the Denver AIM Chapter. Also observed were approximately eight Indian males wearing red armbands who were not from Denver and appeared to be part of a security patrol for the AIM leaders. At approximately 7:40 p.m., WAL Flight 479 arrived and Banks and Means were observed deplaning and being greeted by [redacted]

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RUSSELL MEANS  
DENNIS BANKS

On March 9, 1974, Source 1 stated that he was at SIA on the evening of March 8, 1974 to await the arrival of Dennis Banks and Russell Means, who were to speak that night at the Indian center. Source 1 stated that approximately 70 Indians showed up at the airport. Source 1 observed [redacted] and several other members of the Denver AIM at the airport. Source 1 stated that when Banks and Means arrived via WAL they were transported by car to DNAU. Source 1 stated that at the Indian center were approximately 150 Indians and an equal number of Mexican-Americans. Source 1 stated that he recognized numerous Mexican-Americans who are affiliated with the CFJ and some individuals who reside in Ft. Lupton, Colorado who are connected with the United Farm Worker's Union. At the center, Source 1 also observed an individual known to Source 1 as [redacted] and (first name unknown)

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At the center. Source 1 also observed [redacted]

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Source 1 stated that both Means and Banks spoke at the gathering. Means talked about the unity between the Indians and Chicanos and the mockery of the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota. Means stated he found it incredible that the U.S. Government was prosecuting native Americans whom Means described as the original owners of this land. Means also described the Chicanos as being part Indian and alleged that the theft of the land which had victimized the Indians had also victimized their Chicano brothers. Means spoke in some detail concerning the Indian religion and culture and the need for the Indians to regain their identity and win their rights against the corrupt society of the White man.

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT  
RUSSELL MEANS  
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Source 1 stated that Banks spoke concerning unity with the Chicano movement and noted that the Chicanos had been the primary supporters for the Indian struggle at Wounded Knee, South Dakota and they provided both physical and material aid.



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On March 18, 1974, Source 1 stated that he attended a rally at the State Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado on March 17, 1974. The rally was sponsored by the CFJ and attracted an audience of 1500 persons most of whom were Mexican-Americans and perhaps 100 to 200 Indians. Source 1 stated there were numerous speakers including [redacted] of the CFJ and Russell Means, leader of AIM. Source 1 noted that most of the speakers denounced the U.S. Government, the Government of Colorado, local and Federal law enforcement officials. The speakers emphasized that a revolution among the minority of this country is imminent and that they should band together for strength.

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On March 17, 1974, Special Agent of the FBI observed a rally at the State Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado. The rally was attended by approximately 1200 to 1400 persons. Among the numerous speakers was Russell Means, a leader of the AIM. Means noted in his speech that a majority of the support for the Indians at Wounded Knee came from Chicanos. He talked

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against the White man's pollution and other problems noting that the Indian society never had a need for old folks' homes, insane asylums and never suffered with unemployment, pollution, gettos or crimes. Means stated that the White man is scarring the landscape. Means stated that the AIM had been requested by leaders of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation to come to the reservation in June, 1974, to prevent the planned starting of strip-mining of coal on reservation land. Means requested the aid of persons in the audience to "get it on" as they had in Wounded Knee. Means drew a big response when he made the standard joke about George Washington not being the Father of his country. Means condemned the schools run by the White man as being nothing more than the brain-washing of Indian children. He threatened that unless there is progress in meeting the AIM demands by the Government, 1976 will be "a very unhappy birthday for the U.S."

Also speaking at the rally was [redacted] [redacted] for Means and Banks at their trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, for numerous charges arriving out of the occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota in 1973. [redacted] claimed that the defendants could not be convicted if the "people" worked to free them. [redacted] stated that the courts were one tool in the struggle against the system. [redacted] noted that the people assembled at the rally would make the revolution which was certain to come, long before 1976. [redacted] further stated that people might have to die in the streets to win the revolution. [redacted] denounced what he described as the ruling class of capitalist imperialists and politicians, who he alleged were in their employ. He stated that the country had been built by the sweat of the people and that the people would take back what they had built when the revolution was won.

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Date: 3/21/74

To: Director, FBI

(Bufile : 176-2493 )

Attention : \_\_\_\_\_

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

( 70-23 )

Title <u>DENNIS JAMES BANKS</u>  OO: Minneapolis	Character EM - AIM Reference Los Angeles airtel and LHM 12/19/73
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Enclosed are the following communications received from the [redacted] (S) (U)

Original and two copies of [redacted] (U)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 157-29309

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-846 1P (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM

Asso. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
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ON JUNE 10, 1974, DENNIS JAMES BANKS HAS BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT RESIGNING HIS POSITION AS THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WHILE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT NATIONAL CONVENTION AT THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX RESERVATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA. [LHM FOLLOWS] END.

U.S. Marshall Service  
 Agent, Secret Service, Detention  
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 CCS (Lit. Unit)

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Date 6/11/74

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## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile 157-29309)

DATE: 4/18/74

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM-AIM (KEY EXTREMIST)

Reference: Minneapolis report of SA [redacted] dated 4/18/74.

- Recommend: ☐ Inclusion in ADEX (summary attached)\*  
☐ Removal from ADEX (summary attached)\*  
☒ Changes in ADEX card (specify change only)

\* Abstract required.

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Also known as:	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Race <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental page attached.	Citizenship <input type="checkbox"/> U. S. <input type="checkbox"/> Alien - Specify Country
Date of Birth (Month, day, year)	Place of Birth
Residence Address 2616 Harriet Avenue South Minneapolis, Minnesota	Employment Occupation: National Executive Director Firm & Address: American Indian Movement Minneapolis, Minnesota
Type of Activity (Check principal activity only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> (BEX) Black Extremist <input type="checkbox"/> (CMC) Communist (pro-Chinese) <input type="checkbox"/> (CMS) Communist (pro-Soviet) <input type="checkbox"/> (CMT) Communist (Trotskyist)	<input type="checkbox"/> (FRN) Foreign Affiliation - Specify Country <input type="checkbox"/> (PRN) Puerto Rican Nationalist <input type="checkbox"/> (REV) Revolutionary <input type="checkbox"/> (MSC) Miscellaneous
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

CHARACTER: EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

REFERENCE: Minneapolis memorandum, dated December 26, 1973.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 2616 Harriet Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Employment: National Executive Director  
American Indian Movement  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Date: 6/12/74

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
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Re Minneapolis nitel to the Bureau, 6/10/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies of FD 376 are stapled to two of the enclosed LHMs for dissemination to U.S. Secret Service, Washington, D.C. LHM with FD 376 is being submitted to U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 12, 1974

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: DENNIS JAMES BARKS  
EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN  
MOVEMENT

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☒ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☒ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service , Minneapolis, Minnesota (RM)

Enclosure(s) (1)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

June 12, 1974

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

On June 11, 1974, Special Agent [redacted] advised that the June 10, 1974, edition of the "Aberdeen American News", a newspaper of general circulation in the Aberdeen area, had an article by Phyllis Mensing of Associated Press. This article stated the following information:

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Dennis Banks would tell the Indian representatives at the International Treaty Conference, June 10, 1974, that he will soon resign as the Executive Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

Banks would tell them of his plans to quit as an AIM official in order to have time to work on experimental projects for the organization. He said one of his goals is to work with the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana on developing management of natural resources. He said he would like to see a working tribal coalition come out of the convention to work for the enforcement of Indian treaties. The following quotation was made in the newspaper by Dennis Banks: "I would like to see AIM focus on lobbying activities and taking the Government to court over the treaty issue rather than confrontation."

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Special Agent [ ] advised that a local radio station KOLY reported on June 10, 1974, that Dennis Banks had resigned his position as Executive Director of AIM.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	DATE <b>6/14/74</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/11 - 6/13/74</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>DENNIS JAMES BANKS</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>kh</b> b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>(KEY EXTREMIST) EM - AIM</b>	

REFERENCE

4/18/74 *new 4* Minneapolis report of SA  dated  
Minneapolis airtel to Bureau, dated 6/12/74. *new 56*

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Two copies of an FD-376 are attached to two copies of this report. One copy of Minneapolis report is being furnished to Denver for information in view of its interest in American Indian Movement (AIM) activities.

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[redacted] is the subject of [redacted].

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[redacted] is the subject of [redacted]

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Information pertaining to assassination and elimination of police officers mentioned in this report have been previously disseminated to the appropriate agencies.

[redacted] has been advised of the threats made against him.

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<u>Source</u>	<u>Location</u>
MP T-1 is [REDACTED]	157-846-483
MP T-2 is [REDACTED]	157-846-504, 507
MP T-3 is [REDACTED]	157-846-504
MP T-4 is [REDACTED]	157-846-519, 527, 534
MP T-5	See Non-Symbol Source Page
MP T-6	See Non-Symbol Source Page
MP T-7 is [REDACTED]	157-846-502

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1973
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because  
(state reason)

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)  
**of his being under current indictment on Federal charges  
stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation.**

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)

**BANKS is the past National Executive Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM). BANKS is currently a member of the AIM Central Committee.**

10. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☒ Submitted 5/15/73 Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(date)
11. ☒ Subject is Extremist in ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.
12. ☒ Subject designated and/or included in:
 

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MP T-5 is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who received the information from an  
Indian acquaintance and requested that he be protected;  
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MP T-6 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (By Request).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota (RM)

Report of: [REDACTED]

Date: June 14, 1974

Office: Minneapolis,  
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Field Office File #: 157-846

Bureau File #: 157-29309 5 /

Title: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Character: (KEY EXTREMIST)  
EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis: DENNIS JAMES BANKS is the recently resigned National Executive Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM), and is presently a member of the AIM Central Committee. BANKS' address is set forth as 553 Aurora Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Financial matters and extremist activities set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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## DETAILS:

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past, except where otherwise noted.

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On March 11, 1974, MP T-1 [REDACTED]

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MP T-1 further advised that DENNIS BANKS [REDACTED]

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MP T-2 advised that on April 23, 1974, [REDACTED]

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The American Indian Movement (AIM) was founded in Minnesota in 1968, dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

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On February 27, 1973, members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) with non-Indian supporters, seized hostages and by force of arms, occupied the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, during which parts of the town were burned and ransacked, six members of AIM were wounded, two fatally, two Federal officers were wounded, one permanently paralyzed, in several exchanges of gunfire between occupants and surrounding Government forces. On May 8, 1973, the occupation ended by the surrender of the remaining occupants. More than 200 arrests were made in connection with the occupation.

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MP T-3, on April 24, 1974, furnished essentially the same information as MP T-2.

On April 26, 1974, MP T-2 failed to develop any additional information concerning [REDACTED]  
MP T-2 further indicated that as far as the source knows, [REDACTED]

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MP T-4 advised on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On May 1, 1974, MP T-5 advised that information had come to him that approximately 200 Indians were given a free chicken dinner at AIM Headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota, during the evening of April 30, 1974. DENNIS BANKS, AIM Official, was there requesting the group go to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to protest the State trials of the Custer defendants being held there and also told the gathering he had bail bond money, which statement the source felt was an indication that if people went there and were arrested, BANKS had money for their bail.

On May 2, 1974, MP T-4 advised that [REDACTED]

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MP T-4 advised that DENNIS BANKS, during the recent confrontations in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised AIM will call for the burial of Indian bones presently on display in the various State universities in South Dakota; and if their demands are not met, they are considering digging up graves of white people and displaying those bones in a like manner as the Indian bones are being displayed. This is being considered because to BANKS, to display Indian bones is very demeaning to the American Indian. At this same meeting, AIM leadership stated they should begin scalping people the next time an Indian is killed in any confrontation with any white man, especially law enforcement.

MP T-4, on May 2, 1974, advised that [REDACTED]

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The following article appeared in the May 3, 1974, morning edition of the "Minneapolis Tribune," a paper published daily in Minneapolis, Minnesota, of general circulation, captioned, "4 lawyers 'evicted' in S.D. after AIM threat."

"Four state prosecutors were evicted from the Holiday Inn Motel in downtown Sioux Falls Thursday after the motel manager said he was threatened by members of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

"THOMAS BIERMEIER said he evicted the four assistant attorneys general after they refused to move out of the motel.

"The series of events that led to the eviction began Wednesday, when AIM supporters said they saw someone holding a camera and perhaps a rifle out of a motel window that overlooks AIM headquarters across the street.



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"BANKS told BIERMEIER that if any shots are fired from the hotel, 'the hotel is going to go.' BANKS repeated the threat at a rally Wednesday night."

The June 7, 1974, weekly edition of "The Militant" stated the following:

"About 175 persons picketed the Federal Building in St. Paul, May 24. Demonstrators chanted, 'Custer, Wounded Knee, Drop the charges now!'"

"'We must continue the fight,' BANKS told the picketers, 'whether through the courtroom, mass demonstrations, or through actions like Wounded Knee.'"

"The Militant" is the weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

The SWP, headquartered in New York City, is a revolutionary, Trotskyist-communist organization which has as its purpose the overthrow of the U. S. Government, the institution of a dictatorship of the working class and the eventual achievement of a communist society. SWP was founded in the U. S. in 1938 as the American section of the worldwide Trotskyist revolutionary organization named the Fourth International (FI), which is headquartered in Europe. In 1940, SWP withdrew its formal affiliation with the FI to escape application of the Voorhis Act, which regulates certain types of organizations subject to foreign control. From 1940 to the present time, however, SWP has continued a close association with the FI and participates and votes as a "sympathizing group" in FI meetings.

While the SWP does not openly advocate the use of violence at the present time to overthrow the U. S. Government, the SWP believes that eventual violent revolution in the U. S. is inevitable. SWP seeks to precipitate revolution when conditions are ripe and to direct and seize control of the revolution when it occurs.

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Importantly, the FI at its World Congress in Europe in 1974 took a position favoring the current use of guerrilla warfare and armed struggle to achieve revolution in South America and elsewhere if local conditions indicate that such violence would enhance revolution. A majority of the SWP delegation to the FI opposed the current use of violence only on the ground that it is premature whereas a minority of the SWP delegation favored the FI endorsement of violence.

The June 10, 1974, edition of the "Aberdeen American News," a newspaper of general circulation in the Aberdeen, South Dakota, area had an article by PHYLLIS MENSING of Associated Press. This article states in part as follows:

DENNIS BANKS would tell the Indian representatives at the International Treaty Conference, June 10, 1974, that he will soon resign as the Executive Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

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On June 10, 1974, radio station KOLY covering Mobridge, South Dakota, area reported that DENNIS BANKS had resigned his position as Executive Director of the American Indian Movement.

On June 13, 1974, MP T-6 advised that BANKS is

MP T-6 further advised that

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MP T-6 also advised that due to BANKS' nomadic character, 553 Aurora Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, is considered by BANKS as a current residence.

MP T-7 advised January 28, 1974, that DENNIS BANKS is a member of the American Indian Movement Central Committee, a decision making body. No information has been received which would indicate BANKS has vacated this position.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (89-3229)

MINNEAPOLIS (70-10239)

RAPID CITY (70-10239)

FROM ALBUQUERQUE (89-105) (P)

RESMURS

RE [REDACTED] DENNIS BANKS.

RE ALBUQUERQUE TELCALL TO RAPID CITY, AUGUST 19, 1975.

FORMER [REDACTED] ADVISED AUGUST 19, 1975, [REDACTED] HAS NOT BEEN SEEN AT SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO, SINCE JULY 25, 1975, AT HIS RESIDENCE OR AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. FORMER SOURCE STATED [REDACTED] HAS HAD VERY CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH DENNIS BANKS AND OTHER AIM LEADERS AND BELIEVES MAY HAVE LEFT AREA TO CONTACT BANKS OR OTHER LEADERS. EXACT LOCATION IS UNKNOWN. [REDACTED] IS TRAVELING IN PERSONAL VEHICLE, 1975 DARK GOLD CHEVROLET PICKUP, BEARING NEW MEXICO LICENSE NUMBER UNKNOWN.

FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION [REDACTED] HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN DEMONSTRATIONS AT FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO, DURING SUMMER 1974; ALSO [REDACTED] DURING "TAKEOVER OF FAIRCHILD PLANT, SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 24, 1975, TO MARCH 3, 1975"; ALSO ATTENDED NATIONAL AIM CONVENTION, FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO.

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# Memorandum

Director, FBI (Bufile 157-29309)

DATE: 6/14/74

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)

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SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
(KEY EXTREMIST) EM - AIM

Reference: MP report of SA [redacted] dated 6/14/74.

Recommend: ☐ Inclusion in ADEX (summary attached)\*  
☐ Removal from ADEX (summary attached)\*  
☒ Changes in ADEX card (specify change only)  
\* Abstract required.

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Residence Address		<u>Committee,</u>			
<u>553 Aurora Avenue</u>		Firm & Address: <u>American Indian Movement,</u>			
<u>St. Paul, Minnesota</u>		<u>St. Paul, Minnesota</u>			
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 14, 1974

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

CHARACTER: (KEY EXTREMIST)  
EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

REFERENCE: Minneapolis memorandum dated June 12, 1974.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 553 Aurora Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Employment: Member of AIM Central Committee  
American Indian Movement  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/22/74

FROM : ACTING SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

EM - AIM

OO: Minneapolis

Bufile ~~157-23582~~

Minneapolis file 157-846

WFO file 157-6209

Oklahoma City file 157-1555

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

EM - AIM

OO: Minneapolis

Bufile 157-28313

Minneapolis file 157-1460

WFO file 157-5799

Oklahoma City file 157-1587

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/25/74.

[redacted] referred to in referenced airtel  
is [redacted] IMA (Pawnee Tribe), born [redacted]  
[redacted] Oklahoma

[redacted] has been the subject of a [redacted]  
and LHM furnished Bureau re his activities

On 12/20/73, [redacted] with  
reliable information in the past, and  
Oklahoma, is composed of several factors  
seem to be coordinated. One factor  
[redacted]

2-Bureau  
2-Minneapolis  
3-WFO

(1-[redacted])  
7-Oklahoma City

(3-157-1555 BANKS)

(2-157-1587 MEANS)

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*MRG*  
[redacted] Oklahoma City files show [redacted] is  
[redacted] who is  
married to [redacted] reportedly  
traveled to South Dakota, 2/9/73, at time of the seige of  
Wounded Knee, South Dakota, but reportedly returned to their  
home within a few days. At that time they resided in a rural  
area near [redacted] but in approximately 1/74 they  
moved to [redacted]

The Bureau has been furnished LHM's reporting results  
of [redacted] and interview of [redacted]  
[redacted] is the owner and operator of a private business. [redacted]  
[redacted]  
telephone number [redacted] This business is also referred  
to as [redacted] and is a business which basically is  
an employment contractor business to supply temporary help  
when needed. This business has also been described as  
employment agency for Indians. No information has been  
received to indicate this business is an AIM front or  
AIM related in any manner. As has been previously rep  
[redacted] is a friend and associate of both DENNI  
and RUSSELL MEANS.

During a search of the Catholic Church, Wou  
S.D., on 5/8/73, SA [redacted] located a typewritten  
containing various personal papers of MEANS. In  
case were over 600 cards. One of these cards con  
and address of [redacted] From 10/28/73 the  
the National Congress of American Indians (NC  
convention at Camelot Inn, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
occurred a non-violent disturbance  
members of AIM took

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12/7/73 furnished the contents of an address and telephone book of BANKS. Included in this book was data [redacted]  
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In view of above, it appears AIM leaders BANKS and MEANS have a friendly relationship with [redacted] however, it is not considered likely either or both BANKS and MEANS are frequent visitors of [redacted] BANKS and MEANS are both known in the Tulsa area; therefore, it is considered any circumstance of frequent visits would become known to sources and/or the news media.

For the information of WFO, [redacted] when interviewed by SA [redacted] on 8/27/73, advised she is a member of AIM, associated with the Tulsa Chapter, and extremely busy operating her business; therefore, does not have time to participate in AIM activities. [redacted] claimed she is opposed to any type of militant or violent activities and would not condone such actions. She believes the way to handle AIM problems is through with WhiteHouse officials.

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LEADS

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA - Will thru [redacted] and/or neighborhood contacts determine if [redacted] are frequent guest of the [redacted]

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AT PAWUSKA, OKLAHOMA - Will thru [redacted] neighborhood contacts determine if [redacted] are frequent guest of the [redacted]

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Date: 7/25/74

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO

DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM-AIM  
(OO:MP) 157-292-1  
(Bufile 157-23582)  
(MPfile 157-846)  
(WFOfile 157-6209)

RUSSEL CHARLES MEANS  
EM-AIM  
(OO:MP)  
(Bufile 157-28313)  
(MPfile 157-1460)  
(WFOfile 157-5799)

On 7/18/74, [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Classified by 4220  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Source was unable to ascertain what the [redacted] is, its location, or [redacted] affiliation with it. However, he did learn the leaders can be reached at telephone number [redacted] when they are there.

WFO files reveal a [redacted] from Tulsa was part of the Trail of Broken Treaties Caravan which came to Washington, D. C. (WDC), in November, 1972, and which resulted in the takeover and subsequent theft and destruction at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, WDC, after AIM leaders took over control of the Caravan. WFO files, however, contain no information as to whether [redacted] may have participated in this theft and destruction. WFO indices negative re Tulsa Labor Force.

LEADSOKLAHOMA CITY

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. Will identify the subscribers to telephone number [redacted] and target reliable sources to attempt to verify the above information and to determine any relationship between [redacted] and AIM.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. Will target reliable sources in attempt to verify any regular travel to Oklahoma by AIM leaders.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will maintain contact with source re additional information in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 9/16/74

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
KEY EXTREMIST  
EM - AIM

Re: Minneapolis report of SA [redacted]  
dated 6/4/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies of an FD-376 are attached to 2 copies of the enclosed LHM for dissemination to U.S. Secret Service, Washington, D.C.

One copy of LHM along with one copy of an FD-376 is being disseminated to the U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minn.

[redacted] is the subject of [redacted]

## INFORMANTS

### IDENTITY

MP T-1 is [redacted]

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MP T-3 on non-symbol  
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MP T-4 on non-symbol  
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### LOCATION

MP 157-846-606, 607;  
[redacted]

## ARMED AND DANGEROUS

② - Bureau (Enc. 5) (RM)

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Agency: Secret Service, *Interior*

Dept. - ~~Attorney General~~ Div.

AAG Criminal Div.

Attn: ISS

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How forwarded *R/S*

Date *9/24/74*

By *CAH/mfm*

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1973
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ Reason for classification where exemption category does not provide a self-evident basis.
  - a. Details of Report: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Cover Pages: \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)  
**of his being under current indictment on Federal charges  
stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation.**
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)  
**BANKS is the past National Executive Director of the  
American Indian Movement (AIM). BANKS is currently a  
member of the AIM Central Committee.**
10. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☒ Submitted 5/15/73 (date) Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No
11. ☒ Subject designated and/or included in:
 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 16, 1974

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☒ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☒ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minn. (RM)

Enclosure(s) (1)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 16, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

RESIDENCE

On July 25, 1974, MP T-1 advised Dennis James Banks has moved out of the National Office of the American Indian Movement (AIM) at 553 Aurora, St. Paul, Minnesota, and has rented apartment 9, Phalen Park Apartments, 1521 Magnolia Avenue E., St. Paul, Minnesota. This apartment is regularly occupied by Banks, [redacted] and various other AIM members. There is no telephone in this apartment and Banks does not desire to have a phone installed.

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The AIM was founded in Minnesota in 1968 dedicated to improving conditions for the American Indian. AIM led and participated in confrontations with local authorities in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. AIM led the takeover and occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in February-May, 1973.

On February 27, 1973, members of AIM with non-Indian supporters, seized hostages and by force of arms, occupied the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, during which parts of the town were burned and ransacked, six members of AIM were wounded, two fatally, two Federal officers were wounded, one permanently paralyzed, in several exchanges

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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of gunfire between occupants and surrounding Government forces. On May 8, 1973, the occupation ended by the surrender of the remaining occupants. More than 200 arrests were made in connection with the occupation.

ACTIVITIES

DOMESTIC

On August 22, 1974, the morning edition of the "Minneapolis Tribune," a major daily newspaper of general circulation in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, carried an article captioned, "Surprise Witness Names Banks and Means to Most U.S. Charges," by Dennis Cassano. The important segments of the article are summarized as follows:

"A surprise prosecution witness Wednesday, the 21st, provided the most incriminating testimony heard so far against Russell Means and Dennis Banks in the 7 month old Wounded Knee Trial, connecting one or both of them directly to nearly every charge filed against them. The witness, Louis Moves Camp, is a former member of the AIM and of the legal defense team and a participant in the occupation, who desired to testify for the Government 2 weeks ago. Moves Camp single handedly connected both Means and Banks directly to 7 of the original 10 charges filed against them."

On January 28, 1974, MP T-1 advised Russell Means holds no national office for the AIM, however, he is a member of the AIM Central Committee in which all important decisions are made.

On August 27, 1974, MP T-1 advised that [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Means has lost considerable support from his followers and the traditional people because of his violent acts and excessive drinking.

On September 4, 1974, MP T-2 advised that on August 30, 1974, Dennis Banks received a ticket for a Western

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Airlines Flight 505 on August 30, 1974, departing Minneapolis at 10:00 p.m. for Los Angeles, California. Source further advised that Banks returned to Minneapolis on September 3, 1974, on Western Airlines Flight 500. Source stated [REDACTED]

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FOREIGN TRAVEL

On July 23, 1974, MP T-3 advised that Dennis Banks [REDACTED] spoke to the Warrior Society in Kenora, Ontario, Canada. Source said Banks' speech was not very militant and that Banks looked rather dejected. [REDACTED]

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On July 16, 1974, MP T-4 advised that the Canadian "Warrior Society" is Canada's equivalent of the AIM.

On August 22, 1974, MP T-1 advised that on [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile (157-29309) )

DATE: 9/16/74

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS ( 157-846 ) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
(KEY EXTREMIST); EM-AIM

Reference: Minneapolis memorandum dated 9/16/74

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- Recommend: ☐ Inclusion in ADEX (summary attached)\*  
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<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental page attached.	Employment Occupation:
Date of Birth (Month, day, year)	Place of Birth
Residence Address Phalen Park Apartments, Apt. 9/ 1521 Magnolia Avenue E. St. Paul, Minnesota	
Firm & Address:	

Type of Activity (Check principal activity only) <input type="checkbox"/> (BEX) Black Extremist <input type="checkbox"/> (CMC) Communist (pro-Chinese) <input type="checkbox"/> (CMS) Communist (pro-Soviet) <input type="checkbox"/> (CMT) Communist (Trotskyist)		<input type="checkbox"/> (FRN) Foreign Affiliation - Specify Country <input type="checkbox"/> (PRN) Puerto Rican Nationalist <input type="checkbox"/> (REV) Revolutionary	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
August 16, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

CHARACTER: (KEY EXTREMIST)  
EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

REFERENCE: Minneapolis memorandum dated June 14, 1974.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Phalen Park Apartments, Apt. 9  
1521 Magnolia Avenue E.  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Employment: Member of AIM Central Committee  
American Indian Movement  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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TO DIRECTOR (157-29309)

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

ATTN: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

OCTOBER 4, 1974, [REDACTED] ADVISED SUBJECT HAS BECOME WEARY OF  
MOVEMENT AND DESIRES TO EVENTUALLY PHASE HIMSELF OUT WITH PLANS TO  
ULTIMATELY RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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TO INSURE CONTINUOUS HIGH LEVEL INFORMANT COVERAGE OF AIM,  
BUREAU MAY BE DESIROUS OF CANVASSING FIELD OFFICES WHO HANDLE AMERICAN  
INDIAN INFORMANTS TO DETERMINE IF A SUITABLE INDIVIDUAL IS AVAILABLE  
TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF IN NATIONAL AIM ORGANIZATION. THIS TYPE EVALU-  
ATION IS BEING DONE AMONG CURRENT MINNEAPOLIS SOURCES.

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Date: 10/8/74

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-NEW) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: DENNIS BANKS  
EM - AIM

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies, and for Minneapolis and Los Angeles is one copy each, of LHM captioned as above suitable for dissemination by the Bureau.

**ENCLOSURE**

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- 1 - Los Angeles (Info) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Minneapolis (88-6431) (Info) (Enc. 1)
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Agency: Secret Service, DEO  
Dept. - AAG Civil Rights Div.  
AAG Criminal Div.

Attn: ISS

GCS (Lit. Unit)

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Date *10/16/74*

By *Campton*

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Mobile, Alabama  
October 8, 1974

DENNIS BANKS

On October 4, 1974, and October 7, 1974, Bobby A. Davis, Mayor, Fort Deposit (Lowndes County), Alabama, advised that a conference commenced at 6:30 pm on October 2, 1974, and extended until about 7:30 pm on October 4, 1974, which was sponsored by the Lowndes Wood Products, a wood products business located in Calhoun (Lowndes County), Alabama, originally and possibly continuing to be funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity, and sponsored by the Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organizing (IFCO). The conference was held at the New Hope Christian Church, Calhoun, Alabama.

A throw-away made available by Davis revealed that blacks, Chicanos, Indians, Puerto Ricans, and whites from all across the country were meeting in Lowndes County, the heart of the civil rights movement, to talk about the growth of that struggle and the new areas such as hunger, labor unions, politics, community organizing, fund raising, and others. According to this throw-away, the purpose of the conference was to exchange information and skills about community organizing.

Dennis Banks, Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM) at Wounded Knee, was scheduled to speak at 9 am, October 4, 1974, concerning Wounded Knee and its aftermath.

Among the other people who were due to arrive at the conference were:

Ala ( [redacted] )  
World Hunger

representing

[redacted] representing Puerto Rican  
independence

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International Issues [redacted] representing

Organizing [redacted] representing Labor Union

Davis stated he believed Banks was in the area for the one day.

Davis stated there were no incidents or problems arising from Banks' presence in the area.

The Alabama Journal, a local afternoon newspaper, Montgomery, Alabama, issue of October 5, 1974, contained an article captioned, "Little Change Noted In Reservation Life, AIM Leader Contends". The article went on to state that Banks was en route from Montgomery, Alabama, to Lowndes County, then to Los Angeles to meet with Marlon Brando. The article stated that Banks was to attend the conference in Lowndes County where he would speak on Wounded Knee and its aftermath. According to the article, Banks stated, "...life still goes on about the same for the Indians who live on the reservation at Wounded Knee. 'The same Government is still in power. The goons and the vigilantes are still there. There are still murders and meetings.'"

According to the article, among the groups represented were ~~Emerging Population Alternatives~~, a New York based group working against population control; National Democratic Party of Alabama; ~~The Black Appalachian Commission~~; ~~Puerto Rican Solidarity Day Committee~~, and the National Council of Churches.

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10:40PM NITEL OCTOBER 18, 1974 ALM

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TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23582) AND  
MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) NEW YORK  
FROM: SAC, WFO (157-6209)(P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM-AIM, OO:MINNEAPOLIS.

REFERENCE STOP PLACED BY WFO WITH PASSPORT OFFICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING SUBJECT.

THE PASSPORT OFFICE ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] OCTOBER 18, 1974, SUBJECT HAD APPLIED AT NEW YORK CITY OCTOBER 18, 1974, FOR PASSPORT ON URGENT BASIS. WFO DETERMINED TELEPHONICALLY FROM NEW YORK CITY PASSPORT AGENCY THAT, ACCORDING TO HIS APPLICATION, SUBJECT PLANS DEPART AT 2205 HOURS, OCTOBER 18, 1974, VIA SWISSAIR FOR BUSINESS TRIP FOR ONE MONTH TO AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND. GAVE PERMANENT RESIDENCE AS 1521 EAST MAGNOLIA, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, AND MAILING ADDRESS AS 704 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, ST. PAUL.

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NEW YORK CITY PASSPORT AGENCY ADVISED SUBJECT PRESENTED LETTER DATED OCTOBER 10, 1974, ADDRESSED TO BANKS FROM [REDACTED] OCT 22 1974 [REDACTED] FRAUD SECTION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT

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OF JUSTICE, STATING THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD SUBJECT'S LETTER OF JULY 2, 1974, CONCERNING BUY-INDIANA CONTRACT ASSISTANCE AND HAD REFERRED MATTER TO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. IF LATTER AGENCY FOUND ANY VIOLATION OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL LAWS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WOULD BE NOTIFIED. REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW YORK PASSPORT AGENCY COMMENTED THIS LETTER APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED BY SUBJECT TO ENHANCE HIS BONA FIDES IN SEEKING PASSPORT.

WFO DETERMINED SUBJECT NOT CURRENTLY WANTED SO NO LEGAL BASIS FOR PASSPORT DENIAL OR DELAY EVIDENT. LEGAL DIVISION, PASSPORT OFFICE AUTHORIZED NEW YORK PASSPORT AGENCY TELEPHONICALLY ISSUE PASSPORT IMMEDIATELY.

PASSPORT E-2210869 WAS ISSUED TO SUBJECT AT NEW YORK CITY OCTOBER 18, 1974, VALID FOR FIVE YEARS FOR ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT CUBA, NORTH KOREA, AND NORTH VIETNAM.

IF ANY OF FOREGOING INFORMATION IS DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE BUREAU, SOURCE MUST BE CHANGED TO "UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT" RECORDS. ACTUAL SOURCE MUST THEN BE SHOWN ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE AS PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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NOTED UNDER PASSPORT REGULATIONS SUBJECT MAY USE PASSPORT FOR LAWFUL TRAVEL WITHIN ITS VALIDITY WHENEVER AND AS OFTEN AS DESIRED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTIFICATION TO STATE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER AGENCY. PASSPORT OFFICE DOES NOT RECEIVE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER OR WHEN PASSPORT USED FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL.

NEW YORK PASSPORT AGENCY FORWARDING APPLICATION TO WASHINGTON, WHERE SAME WILL BE CHECKED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION BY WFO.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-29309)

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM-AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT.

ON OCTOBER 18, 1974, A SOURCE OF THIS BUREAU, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT, A NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (NAIM) LEADER, DEPARTED ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, BY AIR OCTOBER 17, 1974, EN ROUTE VIENNA, AUSTRIA, WHERE HE WILL REPORTEDLY ATTEND A WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING SEEKING FUNDS. BANKS IS REPORTEDLY TRAVELING ALONE AND EXPECTS TO RETURN TO ST. PAUL OCTOBER 30, 1974.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECORDS INDICATE SUBJECT ISSUED PASSPORT #E-2210869 OCTOBER 18, 1974, IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED TRAVEL TO AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND. PASSPORT IS VALID FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FOR VISITING ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT CUBA, NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM.

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RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
157-29309

ABOVE IS BEING FURNISHED YOUR AGENCY FOR INFORMATION  
PURPOSES. THIS BUREAU'S REPRESENTATIVE, BERN, SWITZERLAND, IS  
HANDLING.

END.

NOTE:

Teletype notification being made to [REDACTED]

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information purposes only. Legat, Bern, instructed to provide  
coverage through official sources by separate communication.

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TO LEGAT BERN

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT.

ON OCTOBER 18, 1974, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT, A NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) LEADER, DEPARTED ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, BY AIR OCTOBER 17, 1974, EN ROUTE VIENNA, AUSTRIA, WHERE HE WILL REPORTEDLY ATTEND A WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEETING SEEKING FUNDS. BANKS IS REPORTEDLY TRAVELING ALONE AND EXPECTS TO RETURN TO ST. PAUL OCTOBER 30, 1974.

RECORDS OF PASSPORT OFFICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, REVIEWED OCTOBER 18, 1974, INDICATE SUBJECT ISSUED PASSPORT #E-2210869 THAT DATE IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED TRAVEL TO AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND. PASSPORT IS VALID FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FOR VISITING ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT CUBA, NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM.

LEGAT, BERN, ALERT OFFICIAL SOURCES IN ATTEMPT TO VERIFY SUBJECT'S PRESENCE AND PURPOSE IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT TO VIENNA. ATTEMPT SHOULD ALSO BE MADE TO DETERMINE SUBJECT'S

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

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CABLEGRAM TO BERN  
RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

ACTIVITIES IN SWITZERLAND AS WELL AS POSSIBLE CHANGE IN PLANS  
WITH RESPECT TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. SUCAB PERTINENT  
INFORMATION IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], BEING ADVISED OF  
ABOVE FOR INFORMATION.

COPY FURNISHED MINNEAPOLIS BY MAIL.

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NOTE:

Cablegram being utilized to advise Legat, Bern of travel  
by subject, national AIM leader, and in an attempt to  
determine pertinent information concerning same.

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5:38 PM NITEL OCTOBER 24, 1974 DSC

TO DIRECTOR (157-23582)

WFO (157-6209)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE WFO NITEL TO BUREAU, OCTOBER 18, 1974.

ON OCTOBER 23, 1974, SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION

IN THE PAST, ADVISED

ADVISED SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS, 1521 EAST MAGNOLIA, ST. PAUL,  
MINNESOTA, AS SET FORTH IN RE NITEL, IS CORRECT. SOURCE ADVISED

SOURCE ADVISED WHILE BANKS IS IN EUROPE, AMERICAN INDIAN

MOVEMENT (AIM)

WILL

PRESIDE OVER AIM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

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SOURCE IS

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Agency: Secret Service

Dept. - ~~State Dept.~~

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11:53 PM NITEL OCTOBER 25, 1974 MRH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

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ATTENTION: INTD

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM AIM.

INSTANT DATE, MP T-1, SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED HE HAD LEARNED AMERICAN INDIAN  
MOVEMENT (AIM) [redacted]

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THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN MINNESOTA 1968  
IN 1968, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN  
INDIAN. AIM LED AND PARTICIPATED IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH LOCAL

Agency: Secret Service, [redacted]  
Dept. - AAG Civil Rights Div.  
AAG Criminal Div.

Attn: JCS  
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AUTHORITIES IN SCOTTSELUFF, NEBRASKA, AND THE RAPID CITY- CUSTER  
AREAS OF SOUTH DAKOTA. AIM LED THE TAKEOVER AND OCCUPATION OF  
WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN FEBRUARY - MAY , 1973.

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IDENTITY OF MP T-1 IS

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND  
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FROM: SAC, WFO (157-6209) (P)

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM

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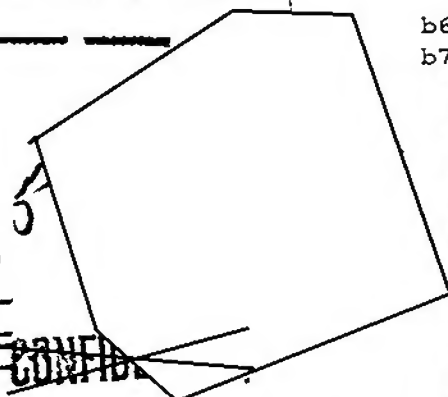
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ON OCTOBER 29, 1974, A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED BANKS WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND, THAT DAY AT 12 NOON AND AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D. C., AT 8 P. M., THAT EVENING. BANKS' APPEARANCES ARE BEING SPONSORED BY THE WOUNDED KNEE DEFENSE COMMITTEE IN THE WDC AREA. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO ADVISE WHAT THE NATURE OF BANKS' SPEECH WOULD BE, BUT SPECULATED IT WOULD BE THE STANDARD AIM RHETORIC. (U)

ADMINISTRATIVE   (U) EX-105 IREC-73 157-2930967  
SOURCE IS   GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, U. S. SECRET SERVICE-COGNIZANT. WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE WILL FOLLOW. INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE 16 NOV 1 1974

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Agency: Secret Service  
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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

EM-AIM

(OO:NP)

(Bufile 157-23582)

(MPfile 157-846)

(WFOfile 157-6209)

Enclosed for the Bureau and Minneapolis are four copies each of a Xerox copy of a telegram sent on 9/20/74 to President GERALD FORD by DENNIS BANKS representing AIM. The copy, which was obtained from [redacted] (pretext), [redacted]

[redacted] is furnished for your information.

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

WE DENOUNCE YOUR PARDON OF RICHARD NIXON. IT SERVES ONLY TO  
SUPPORT OUR CONTENTION THAT THERE IS A DOUBLE STANDARD OF JUSTICE  
IN THIS COUNTRY. WHILE PARDOING CRIMINALS LIKE RICHARD NIXON,  
YOU ARE LEAVING A LIFE LONG SENTENCE OF TERMINATION HANGING  
OVER THE LIVES OF INDIAN PEOPLE.

WE WILL NOT STAND BY WHILE THE REAL VICTIMS OF THIS GOVERNMENT  
SIT IN JAIL; YET THOSE WHO HAVE PERPETRATED THE MOST SERIOUS  
CRIMES AGAINST THIS COUNTRY ARE PARDONED. IF YOUR CONCERN IS  
FOR THE (GREATEST GOOD OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES),  
WHERE IS YOUR COMPASSION FOR THE PAIN INFLICTED ON INDIAN PEOPLE?  
THE INDIAN MURDERS IN FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO, GO UNNOTICED BY  
YOUR GOVERNMENT WHICH PROFESSES TO SEEK JUSTICE. WE EXPECT JUSTICE  
FOR THE INDIANS IN FARMINGTON.

WE DEMAND THE RELEASE OF SARAH BAD HEART BULL, WHO WAS ARRESTED  
FOR PROTESTING THE RELEASE OF HER SONS MURDERER. WE INSIST ON  
THE RELEASE OF THE CUSTER DEFENDANTS WHO HAVE BEEN DENIED BAIL  
PENDING APPEAL WHILE THE WATERGATE CRIMINALS ARE RELEASED ON  
THEIR OWN RECOGNIZANCE.

WE DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL MISCONDUCT IN  
THE WOUNDED KNEE TRIALS.

WE SUPPORT THE KOOTENAI IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE UNITED  
STATES AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO GAIN A JUST SETTLEMENT FROM  
YOUR GOVERNMENT.

WHERE IS YOUR JUSTICE AND MERCY FOR INDIAN PEOPLE?

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE DENNIS J BANKS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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1100 PM NITEL OCTOBER 30, 1974 WWC

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND  
BALTIMORE,  
MINNEAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-6209) (P)

ATTENTION: INTD

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA EM - AIM

RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TEL TO BUREAU DATED OCTOBER 29, 1974.

ON OCTOBER 30, 1974, A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED AIM LEADER DENNIS BANKS WAS IN THE WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), AREA ON OCTOBER 29, 1974, AND MADE TWO PUBLIC APPEARANCES. BANKS SPOKE BEFORE A GROUP OF ABOUT 60 PEOPLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND, DURING THE AFTERNOON AND TO A CROWD OF ABOUT 200 LATER THAT EVENING AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (AU), WDC.

BANKS, WHO DELIVERED BASICALLY THE SAME ADDRESS BEFORE BOTH AUDIENCES, SPOKE IN GENERAL OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE 1973 SEIGE OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND CONTINUED ON ABOUT GOVERNMENT MISCONDUCT DURING THE ENSUING TRIALS. BANKS'

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TALK, WHICH WAS VERY SOFT-KEY, WAS FOLLOWED BY A LENGTHY QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.

BANKS ALSO MENTIONED BRIEFLY HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL CONFERENCE, HELD THE PREVIOUS WEEK IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, WHICH IS CONSIDERING HELPING INDIANS IN LATIN AND SOUTH AMERICA GAIN RECOGNITION. 7

BANKS' APPEARANCES WERE COORDINATED BETWEEN THE D. C. WOUNDED DEFENSE COMMITTEE AND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENTS OF THE RESPECTED INSTITUTIONS.

A SECOND RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]

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THE FIRST SOURCE ADVISED BOTH AUDIENCES CONSISTED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF WHITE, COLLEGE STUDENTS, WITH ONLY VERY FEW INDIANS IN ATTENDANCE. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE AT AU WAS AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] A PARTICIPANT IN THE WOUNDED KNEE AIRDROP AND [REDACTED] WHO WAS AN OBSERVER AT WOUNDED KNEE FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES BEFORE BEING BANNED FROM THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION BY THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT. [REDACTED] LATER JOINED BANKS ON THE PLATFORM DURING THE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.

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BOTH GATHERINGS WERE CONDUCTED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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SOURCE ONE IS [REDACTED]

SOURCE TWO IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BANKS. BANKS STAYED AT THE WASHINGTON  
HILTON HOTEL ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 29, 1974, AND DEPARTED  
THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 30, 1974, VIA NORTHWEST AIRLINE EN  
ROUTE TO PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA, WHERE HE PLANS TO PARTICIPATE  
AT THE NOVEMBER 1, 1974, RALLY THERE FOR SARAH BAD HEART  
BULL.

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cc- [signature]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)  
(157-23582)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-12479) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
BM-AIM

DATE: 10/30/74

ReWFO nitel to the Director, Minneapolis, and New York, dated 10/18/74. 157-29309-62

Pertaining to referenced nitel on 10/18/74, SA [redacted] was advised by officials of Swiss Air, JFK International Airport, New York, New York, that subject was on flight 101 at 10:05 p.m. on 10/18/74, to Zurich, Switzerland.

An article in the New York Times dated 10/28/74, entitled "20,000 For Puerto Rican Independence", advised that RUSSELL MEANS was in attendance at the Puerto Rican rally on 10/27/74, at Madison Square Garden, New York, New York. Article made no mention of subject BANKS.

## LEAD

### NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will report results of informant check regarding BANKS' attendance at rally at Madison Square Garden on 10/27/74.

AT JFK AIRPORT, QUEENS, NEW YORK. Will recontact Swiss Air regarding BANKS' travel plans.

- 1cc Legat Bern for info 11/12/74 PEN/mgm
- ② - Bureau
  - 1 - Minneapolis (157-8467) (INFO)
  - 1 - Washington Field (157-6209) (INFO)
  - 2 - New York
  - (1 - JFK RA)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/7/74

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (157-9442)(RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS, aka  
EM - AIM

Re WFO teletypes to the Bureau, dated October 29, 1974 and October 30, 1974.

Enclosed for WFO is a copy of an article appearing in the October 30, 1974 University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland student newspaper, "Diamond Back," regarding subject's speech on October 29, 1974.

[redacted] could provide no additional information regarding the speech or individuals attending same.

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WFO forward copy of article enclosed with relet to MP, which is OO: for Banks.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

EM-AIM

(OO:MP)

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(Mpf file 157-846)

(WFO file 157-6209)

ReWFOlet dated 10/29/74, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 13 copies and for Mpf  
4 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.One copy is being furnished to U.S. Secret Service  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

11/7/74

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220RE: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT;  
DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Dear Sir:

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2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
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6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
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Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

November 7, 1974

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT  
EXTREMIST MATTER

DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EXTREMIST MATTER  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

On October 25, 1974, a representative of another government agency made available the contents of a telegram sent on September 20, 1974, to President GERALD FORD by American Indian Movement (AIM) (See Appendix) leader, DENNIS BANKS. The telegram read as follows:

"PRESIDENT GERALD FORD  
WHITE HOUSE D.C.

"We denounce your pardon of RICHARD NIXON. It serves only to support our contention that there is a double standard of justice in this country. While pardoning criminals like RICHARD NIXON, you are leaving a life long sentence of termination hanging over the lives of Indian people.

"We will not stand by while the real victims of this government sit in jail; yet those who have perpetrated the most serious crimes against this country are pardoned. If your concern is for the greatest good of all the people of the United States, where is your compassion for the pain inflicted on Indian people? The Indian murders in Farmington, New Mexico, go unnoticed by your government which professes to seek justice. We expect justice for the Indians in Farmington.

"We demand the release of SARAH BAD HEART BULL, who was arrested for protesting the release of her son's murderer. We insist on the release of the Custer defendants who have been denied bail pending appeal while the Watergate criminals are released on their own recognition.

"We demand an investigation of the governmental misconduct in the Wounded Knee trials.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

"We support the Kootenai in their struggle against the United States and their determination to gain a just settlement from your government.

"Where is your justice and mercy for Indian people?

"American Indian Movement Central Committee,  
DENNIS J. BANKS, Executive Director."



## APPENDIX

### AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was formed in 1968 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, by [REDACTED] DENNIS BANKS and [REDACTED] Chippewa Indians, as a civil rights organization. Its stated goals are to secure Indian self-determination and the right to be and think Indian; to eliminate the destructive tendencies of Christianity, white oriented education and the Federal Government from Indian life, along with the yoke of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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All AIM chapters, leaders and members are not considered to be violence-prone. Members of AIM, however, led by violence-prone leaders, participated in the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building, Washington, D.C., during November, 1972. These leaders subsequently led and participated in confrontations with local authorities, resulting in violence at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. From 2/27/73, through 5/8/73, these leaders with AIM members and supporters occupied the community of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms, taking a number of the community's residents as hostage. Since that time they have been involved in numerous confrontations with local and Federal authorities, including the shooting and killing of a deputy sheriff in Arizona and the severe beating of two other police officers in South Dakota.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23582)

DATE: 11/29/74

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-6209) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM-AIM  
(OO:MP)

ReWFOtel to the Bureau dated 10/18/74, captioned as above.

Enclosed for MP is a recent copy of subject's photograph.

Re teletype advised subject had applied at New York City that day for a U.S. Passport on an urgent basis.

On 11/19/74, the Passport Office, Department of State, WDC, made available BANKS' passport application to SA [redacted] which was reviewed and found to contain the following information:

BANKS was issued Passport Number E 2210869 on 10/18/74, at New York, New York, which is valid for five years travel to all countries except Cuba, North Korea, and North Vietnam. BANKS indicated on his application dated 10/18/74, that he planned to depart that day by air for Austria and Switzerland for one month on business. BANKS indicated he expects to take additional trips abroad within the next five years.

On the application, BANKS listed the following biographical information:

Name:	DENNIS JAMES BANKS
Date of Birth:	4/12/37
Place of Birth:	Federal Dam, Minnesota
Father:	WALTER CHASE BANKS, born 1914 at Hayward, Wisconsin
Mother:	BERTHA ANN KING BANKS, born 8/14/17, at Cass Lake, Minnesota

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Marriage:

[REDACTED] b6  
Last married on 2/27/73, to b7C  
[REDACTED]

Residence:

1521 E. Magnolia  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

Mailing Address:

704 University Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

Telephone Number:

612-227-0651

Occupation:

Executive Director

Employer:

American Indian Movement  
553 Aurora Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
612-224-4395

SSAN:

502-28-0631

Height:

5'11"

Hair:

Brown

Eyes:

Brown

It was noted BANKS did not affirm the "Oath of Allegiance" as stated on the passport application and struck out the Oath in pencil before signing the application. The Oath reads as follows:

"Further I do solemnly swear (or affirm)  
that I will support and defend the Constitution  
of the United States against all enemies,  
foreign and domestic; that I will bear  
true faith and allegiance to the same;  
and that I take this obligation freely,  
without any mental reservations, or  
purpose of evasion: So help me God."

BANKS' application was supported by a letter from  
one [REDACTED] Paramount Travel  
Service, 225 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10003,  
telephone number [REDACTED] advising BANKS was in possession  
of a Swissair ticket for a flight to Vienna, Austria, that day  
and urged BANKS be issued a passport without the routine  
waiting period, basing the need on a quick and unexpected trip  
which had arisen.

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If any of the foregoing information, including photograph, is disseminated outside the Bureau, the source must be changed to "United States Government" records. The actual source must then be shown on the administrative page as the Passport Office, Department of State.

Inasmuch as there are no outstanding leads in WFO re captioned subject, this case is being RUC'd.

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DATE: 12/16/74

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
KEY EXTREMIST  
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Minneapolis has no characterizations for the "Winnipeg Free Press" and the International Human Rights Council Conference.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
KEY EXTREMIST  
EM-AIM

DATE: 12/16/74

Reference Minneapolis letter and LHM to the Bureau dated 9/16/74.

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One copy of the LHM, along with one copy of an FD-376 is being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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MP T-6 (See Nonsymbol Source Page)

The U. S. Government records revealed in this LHM were furnished by the Passport Office, Department of State.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1973
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☒ Reason for classification where exemption category does not provide a self-evident basis.
  - a. Details of Report: To protect the identity of MP T-2 and MP T-6.
  - b. Cover Pages: To protect the identity of MP T-6.
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)  
 of his being under current indictment on Federal charges  
 stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)  
 BANKS is the past National Executive Director of the  
 American Indian Movement (AIM). BANKS is currently a member  
 of the AIM Central Committee.
10. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☒ Submitted 5/15/73 (date) Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No
11. ☒ Subject designated and/or included in:
 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
December 16, 1974Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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December 16, 1974

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

ACTIVITIES

This document is classified ~~confidential~~. The paragraphs so classified are marked (C). Other paragraphs are unclassified.

MP T-1 advised that on September 20, 1974, President Gerald Ford received a telegram sent by Dennis Banks, representing the American Indian Movement (AIM) (See Appendix Section). This telegram generally denounced the pardon of President Nixon and stated that this pardon serves only to serve the contention that there is a double standard of justice in this country. Banks further demanded the release of the Custer defendants who had been denied bail pending appeals, while Watergate criminals were released on their own recognizance. He further demanded an investigation of the Government misconduct in the Wounded Knee trials. This telegram was ended by asking the question, "Where is your justice and mercy for Indian people?" It would appear by the way the telegram ended that it came from the AIM Central Committee, Dennis J. Banks, Executive Director.

MP T-2 advised on October 4, 1974, [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] (C) (U)

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past, except where otherwise noted.

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MP T-2 further advised on the same date that [REDACTED]

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MP T-2 also advised Banks' relationship with [REDACTED] has cooled and he is currently seeing [REDACTED]

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MP T-2 on October 7, 1974, advised that while

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The daily edition of the "Daily World" (See Appendix Section) on Page Nine, in an article captioned "Dennis Banks Helping In Film On Wounded Knee" reflected that Dennis Banks would be a consultant for a film based on the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and that filming was expected to begin in February or March, possibly on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The October 11, 1974, edition of the "Winnipeg Free Press," Winnipeg, Manitoba, carried an article, "Government - Indian Clash Best Method: Banks." In this article, Banks states that violent confrontations have proven to be the best method of getting Governments to listen to Indian problems and Indians will continue to use it as long as Government officials fail to live up to their responsibilities. Banks told a large audience of students at the University of Manitoba that this is the only way the U. S. Government will listen. Banks went further to say that if Governments stop listening again, that actions such as Wounded Knee could be only a warning of more large scale actions to come.

On October 30, 1974, MP T-3 advised that Banks spoke before a group of about 60 people at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, during the afternoon to a crowd of about 200 later that evening at American University, Washington, D. C. Banks, who delivered basically the same address before both audiences, spoke in general of events leading up to the 1973 siege of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and continued

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on about misconduct during the ensuing trials. Banks' talk, which was very soft keyed, was followed by a lengthy question and answer period.

Banks also mentioned briefly that he had just returned from the International Human Rights Council Conference held previously that week in Vienna, Austria.

On October 15, 1974, MP T-4 advised during the October 11, 1974, meeting of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) (See Appendix Section) that Banks heaped praise on organizations like the YSA and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) (See Appendix Section) and then went on to speak about how they had made fools of the U. S. Government because they were wrong in their mistreatment of the red man with their broken treaties.

On November 21, 1974, MP T-5 advised that Banks is currently in Los Angeles, California, staying at the

[redacted] Source further advised Banks traveled to Los Angeles for the purpose of [redacted]  
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On October 11, 1974, MP T-6, a confidential source abroad, advised that Banks had addressed audiences at the University of Manitoba and Winnipeg and had stated that "the only way to deal with the Government is to take up arms." Source further advised [redacted]  
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A review of U.S. Government records on November 19, 1974, revealed Banks was issued Passport Number E 2210869 on October 18, 1974, at New York, New York, which is valid for five years travel to all countries except Cuba, North Korea, and North Vietnam. Banks indicated on his application dated October 18, 1974, that he planned to depart that day by air for Austria and Switzerland for one month on business. Banks indicated he expects to take additional trips abroad within the next five years.

On the application Banks listed the following biographical information:

Name	Dennis James Banks
Date of Birth	April 12, 1937
Place of Birth	Federal Dam, Minnesota
Father	Walter Chase Banks, born at Hayward, Wisconsin
Mother	Bertha Ann King Banks, born August 14, 1917, at Cass Lake, Minnesota
Marriage	Last married on February 27, 1973, to [redacted] [redacted]
Residence	1521 East Magnolia St. Paul, Minnesota 55105
Mailing Address	704 University Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota 55105
Telephone Number	612-227-0651
Occupation	Executive Director
Employer	American Indian Movement 553 Aurora Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota 612-224-4395
Social Security Number	502-28-0631
Height	5'11"

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Hair  
Eyes

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It was noted Banks did not affirm the "Oath of Allegiance" as stated on the passport application and struck out the Oath in pencil before signing the application. The Oath reads as follows:

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Domestic

MP T-2 advised on October 4, 1974, that Banks during the previous week had attended the World Council of Churches and the Interreligious Foundation For Community Organization Conference, an affiliate of the World Council of Churches, at Alabama to discuss funding. (S) (U)

World Council of Churches is an organization of 224 Protestant and Orthodox churches in 93 countries and actively campaigns for social justice and has granted financial support to several liberation movements ("Minneapolis Tribune" on December 2, 1974) (The "Minneapolis Tribune" is a daily newspaper of general circulation distributed in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, area).

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Foreign

On October 25, 1974, MP T-2 advised he had learned  
that [REDACTED]

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AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

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"DAILY WORLD"

The "Daily World" is an east coast communist newspaper.

APPENDIXSOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

The Socialist Workers Party (SWP) is a revolutionary, Trotskyist-communist organization, which is headquartered in New York City. Its purpose, as stated in its Declaration of Principles, is the overthrow of the U.S. Government and the institution of a dictatorship of the working class and the eventual achievement of a communist society. It was founded in 1938 and maintains close association with international Trotskyist organizations as a "sympathizing" group, but it denies formal membership in any foreign group to escape application of the Voorhis Act, which regulates certain types of organizations subject to foreign control. While the SWP does not openly advocate the use of violence at the present time to overthrow the U.S. Government, it believes that eventual violent revolution in the U.S. is inevitable. Its objection to the current use of violence is based on the ground that it believes violence is premature at this time. The SWP seeks to precipitate a revolution when conditions are ripe and to seize control of the revolution and to direct it when it occurs.

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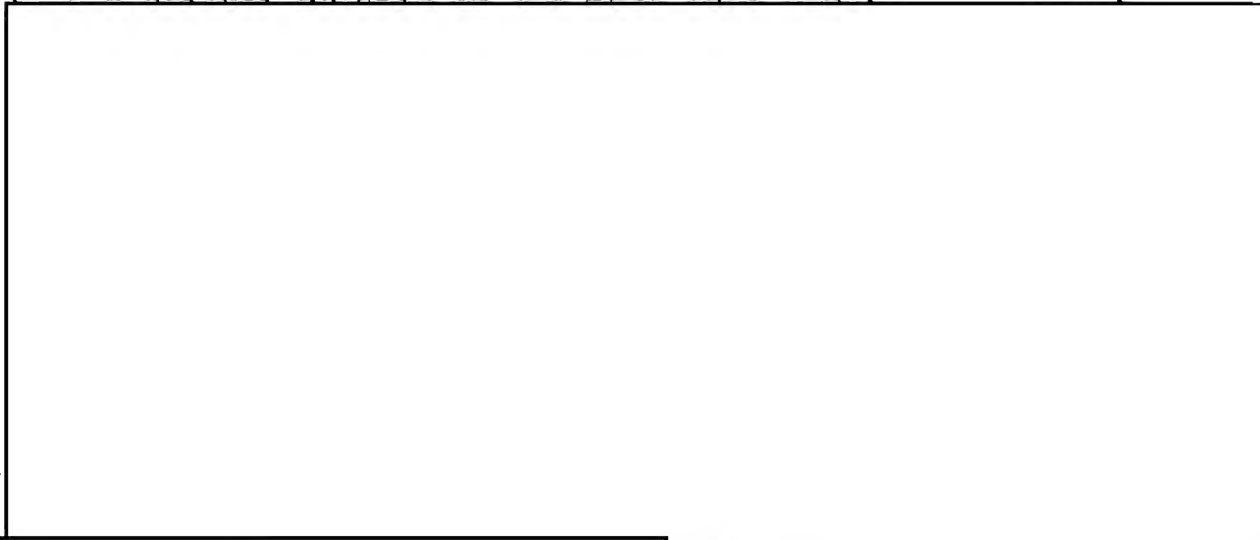
YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) is the youth group of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). It was formed in October, 1957, and is currently headquartered in New York City. It propagandizes the beliefs of the SWP among the youth and is the main source of recruitment into the SWP. The SWP is a revolutionary, Trotskyist-communist organization which has as its purpose the overthrow of the U.S. Government and the institution of a dictatorship of the working class and the eventual achievement of a communist society.

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MP T-2 further advised on the same date that [REDACTED]

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*Wounded Knee*  
On February 27, 1973, members of the AIM with non-Indian supporters, seized hostages and by force of arms, occupied the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, during which parts of the town were burned and ransacked, six members of AIM were wounded, two fatally, two Federal officers were wounded, one permanently paralyzed, in several exchanges of gunfire between occupants and surrounded Government forces. On May 8, 1973, the occupation ended by the surrender of the remaining occupants. More than 200 arrests were made in connection with the occupation.

*Wounded Knee*  
MP T-2 also advised Banks's relationship with [REDACTED] has cooled and he is currently seeing [REDACTED] another AIM member's wife. (S) (U)

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Source, on October 7, 1974, advised that while


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The daily edition of the "Daily World" (See Appendix Section) on Page Nine, in an article captioned "Dennis Banks Helping In Film On Wounded Knee" reflected that Dennis Banks would be a consultant for a film based on the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, and that filming was expected to begin in February or March, possibly on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The October 11, 1974, edition of the "Winnipeg Free Press," Winnipeg, Manitoba, carried an article "Government - Indian Clash Best Method: Banks." In this article, Banks states that violent confrontations have proven to be the best method of getting Governments to listen to Indian problems and Indians will continue to use it as long as Government officials fail to live up to their responsibilities. Banks told a large audience of students at the University of Manitoba that this is the only way the U. S. Government will listen. Banks went further to say that if Governments stop listening again, that actions such as Wounded Knee could be only a warning of more large scale actions to come.

On October 30, 1974, MP T-3 advised that Banks spoke before a group of about sixty people at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, during the afternoon and to a crowd of about 200 later that evening at American University, Washington, D. C. Banks, who delivered basically the same address before both audiences, spoke in general of events leading up to the 1973 seige of Wounded Knee,



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South Dakota, and continued on about misconduct during the ensuing trials. Banks' talk, which was very soft keyed, was followed by a lengthy question and answer period.

Banks also mentioned briefly that he had just returned from the International Human Rights Council Conference held previously that week in Vienna, Austria.

On October 15, 1974, MP T-4 advised during the October 11, 1974, meeting of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) (See Appendix Section) that Banks heaped praise on organizations like the YSA and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) (See Appendix Section) and then went on to speak about how they had made fools of the U. S. Government because they were wrong in their mistreatment of the red man with their broken treaties.

On November 21, 1974, MP T-5 advised that Banks is currently in Los Angeles, California, staying at the

[redacted] Source further advised Banks traveled to Los Angeles for the purpose of [redacted]

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On October 11, 1974, MP T-6, a foreign source <sup>confidential</sup> aborad, advised that Banks had addressed audiences at the University of Manitoba and Winnipeg and had stated that "the only way to deal with the Government is to take up arms." Source further advised [redacted]

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A review of U. S. Government records on November 19, 1974, revealed Banks was issued Passport Number E 2210869 on October 18, 1974, at New York, New York, which is valid for five years travel to all countries except Cuba, North Korea, and North Vietnam. Banks indicated on his applicant dated October 18, 1974, that he planned to depart that day by air for Austria and Switzerland for one month on business. Banks indicated he expects to take additional trips abroad within the next five years.

On the applicant Banks listed the following biographical information:

Name	Dennis James Banks
Date of Birth	April 12, 1937
Place of Birth	Federal Dam, Minnesota
Father	Walter Chase Banks, born at Hayward, Wisconsin
Mother	Bertha Ann King Banks, born August 14, 1917, at Cass Lake, Minnesota
Marriage	Last married on February 27, 1973, to [REDACTED]

Residence	1521 East Magnolia St. Paul, Minnesota 55105
Mailing Address	704 University Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota 55105
Telephone Number	612-227-0651
Occupation	Executive Director
Employer	American Indian Movement 553 Autota Avenue St. Paul, Minnesota 612-224-4395 502-28-0631
Social Security Account Number	
Height	Five feet Eleven inches

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

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It was noted Banks did not affirm the "Oath of Allegiance" as stated on the passport application and struck out the Oath in pencil before signing the application. The Oath reads as follows:

"Further I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservations, or purpose of evasion: So help me God."

Bank's application was supported by a letter from one [redacted] Paramount Travel Service, 225 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10003, telephone number [redacted] advising Banks was in possession of a Swissair ticket for a flight to Vienna, Austria, that day and urged Banks be issued a passport without the routine waiting period, basing the need on a quick and unexpected trip which had arisen.

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##### Domestic

MP T-2 advised on October 4, 1974, that Banks during the previous week had attended the World Council of Churches and the Interreligious Foundation For Community Organization Conference, an affiliate of the World Council of Churches, at Alabama to discuss funding. (C) (U)

World Council of Churches is an organization of 224 Protestant and Orthodox churches in ninety-three countries and actively campaigns for social justice and has granted financial support to several liberation movements ("Minneapolis Tribune" on December 2, 1974) (The "Minneapolis Tribune" is a daily newspaper of general circulation distributed in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, area).

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-12479) (C)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

DATE: 12/20/74

Re WFO nitel to Bureau, MP and NY, 10/18/74; NYlet to Bureau, 10/30/74.

On 11/4/74, SA [redacted] was advised by officials of Swiss Air that DENNIS BANKS was on flight number 101 at 10:05 PM, on 10/18/74, to Zurich, Switzerland, with a connection to Vienna on 10/19/74.

On 11/4/74, [redacted] advised that he did not see subject at the Rally of American Indian, Puerto Rican, and Spanish Peoples at Madison Square Garden on 10/27/74. Source advised that Russel Means was the only speaker and only Indian he recognized at the rally.

On 12/18/74, [redacted] advised that BANKS and MARLIN BRANDO appeared on the "Tomorrow" Show, WNBC-TV aired at 1:00 AM, 12/16/74. BANKS and BRANDO were the only guests on the show and the general topic was the treatment of the American Indian in today's society.

NY is closing its case on subject and will report any further activities on part of BANKS under the AIM (NYfile 157-8393).

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 1/6/75

FROM : LEGAT, BERN (157-29) (P)

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SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

ReNYlet 10/30/74.

"Incomindios" is an organization in Geneva, Switzerland, whose aim, according to its own statement, is to create a feeling of solidarity among the Indians of the two Americas and to establish a dialogue between them and the Europeans. "Incomindios" planned to support financially the leaders of AIM who were appearing in court as a result of the Wounded Knee incident.

Results of a check in this matter with the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] will be furnished on receipt.

This communication is classified Confidential because the information furnished by the [REDACTED] was so classified.

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- ⑥ - Bureau  
1 - Foreign Liaison  
1 - Minneapolis (157-846) (Info)  
1 - New York (157-12479) (Info)  
1 - WFO (157-6209) (Info)  
2 - Bern (157-23; 157-27; 157-29)  
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date 1/14/75  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)(P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
(OO:MINNEAPOLIS)

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of above captioned and dated LHM.

The Bureau may desire to make distribution of the LHM via Legat Bern, Switzerland.

Names of delegates set forth in LHM being furnished Bureau for indexing purposes.

The identity of MP T-1 is [redacted]

Minneapolis has no characterization for [redacted]

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AT MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA:

Will maintain contact with [redacted] for information regarding DENNIS BANKS' trip to Europe.

- ② - Bureau (Enc.-5)(RM)  
5 - Minneapolis

- (1 - [redacted])  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

January 16, 1975

Dennis James Banks

Characterization of the American Indian Movement (AIM), is set forth in appendix page which is attached hereto.

On December 31, 1974, MP T-1, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned that AIM leader, Dennis James Banks, was one of two United States delegates to the World Council of Churches, Human Rights Consultation, which was held at St. Hippolyts House, St. Pölten, Austria, October 21 - 26, 1974. Source advised that he had learned that this town is about 40 miles from Vienna. Source advised that he had learned that a [redacted] not further identified, played some role in making Banks a delegate. u s r b6 b7c

Dennis James Banks holds no national office in the AIM, but is a member of the AIM Central Committee, a decision making body.

MP T-1  
January 28, 1974

Source advised that he had learned that the theme of this meeting was "human rights and Christian responsibility", and that among the numerous delegates throughout the world who attended were several representatives of Communist countries. Source advised that he had learned that the following delegates attended this meeting:

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\*Steering Committee Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Room Number</u>
[redacted] - <u>France</u>	41
[redacted] - <u>Portugal</u>	2
[redacted] - <u>Young Women's Christian Association</u>	59
<u>Mr. Dennis Banks - Chippewa (USA)</u>	62
[redacted] - <u>Pakistan</u>	70
[redacted] - <u>U.K.</u>	64
[redacted] - <u>U.S.S.R.</u>	67
[redacted] - <u>U.S.S.R.</u>	4
[redacted] - <u>Netherlands</u>	56
[redacted] - <u>Argentina</u>	22
[redacted] - <u>F.R. Ger</u>	40
[redacted] - <u>Cuba</u>	21
[redacted] - <u>Canada</u>	7
[redacted] - <u>Sweden</u>	Apt. 1

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[redacted]	6
Finland	
[redacted]	68
Argentina	
[redacted]	37
Czechoslovakia	
[redacted]	32
Costa Rica	
[redacted]	54
Liberia	
[redacted]	36
Netherlands	
[redacted]	2
Mexico	
[redacted] - U.K. <i>Eug</i>	51P
[redacted] - Korea	5
[redacted] - Malaysia	38
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[redacted]	66
Nigeria	
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Denmark	
[redacted]	71
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F.R. Germany

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[redacted] Austria --

[redacted] - Lebanon 42

[redacted] - Canada 35

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Argentina

[redacted] - Cameroon 45

[redacted] 51

Japan

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Poland

[redacted] - U.S.A. 34

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[redacted] New Zealand 18

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<u>Sweden</u>			
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	- <u>Hungary</u>	69	
	<u>U.S.A.</u>	3	
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World Council of Churches Staff

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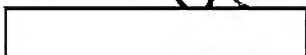
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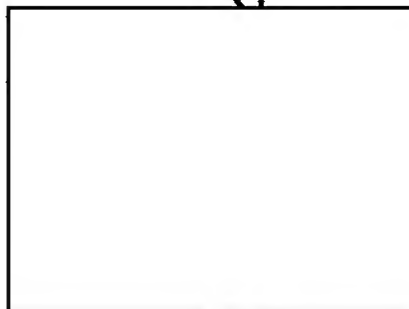
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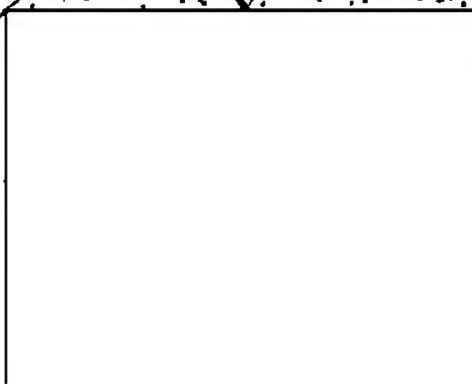
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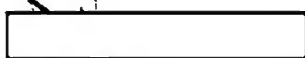
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Source advised that he had also learned that the delegates were broken down into four working groups. Source advised that these groups were organized as follows:

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Staff:

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Staff:

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Languages:

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Languages:

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Characterization of the PLO is set forth in  
appendix page which is attached hereto.

APPENDIXPALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO)

Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was established in 1964 and acts as a coordinating body for most of the Palestinian fedayeen groups. The Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) is its military arm and the Palestine Liberation Forces (PLF) is its commando arm.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-462483)

DATE: 1/23/75

FROM : ACTING SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-1319) (P)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)  
EM - AIM  
OO: Minneapolis

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies, for Dallas 3 copies, for Minneapolis 6 copies, for San Francisco 2 copies, and for Phoenix 1 copy of self-explanatory LHM. Also enclosed for the Dallas Office is one copy of three page letter dated 11/25/74, which sets forth information contained in enclosed LHM and other data of interest to Dallas in handling below lead.

Sources concealed in enclosed LHM are as follows:

- 6 - Bureau (Enc. 12)  
(2 - 100-462483)  
(1 - [REDACTED])  
(1 - 157-29309)(BANKS)  
(1 - 157-28313)(MEANS)  
(1 - [REDACTED])
- 3 - Dallas (Enc. 3)  
(2 - 157-2755)(AIM)  
(1 - [REDACTED])
- 6 - Minneapolis (Enc. 6)  
(2 - 157-1458)(AIM)  
(1 - [REDACTED])  
(1 - 157-846)(BANKS)  
(1 - 157-1460)(MEANS)  
(1 - [REDACTED])
- 1 - Phoenix (Enc. 1)(157-1436)(AIM)  
2 - San Francisco (Enc. 2)(1 - 100-71996)(AIM)  
(1 - [REDACTED])
- 5 - Oklahoma City (1 - 157-1319) (1 - [REDACTED])  
(1 - 157-1555)(BANKS)  
(1 - 157-1587)(MEANS)  
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<u>Source</u>	<u>Date and/or Description of Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
OC T-1 is [redacted]	11/27/74	[redacted]

Characterization  
of BANKS, MEANS,  
and [redacted]

OC T-2  
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on attached  
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OC 157-1319-1751

Bureau and interested offices will note  
Minneapolis letter to Oklahoma City, 7/1/74, captioned  
[redacted] reports that on 6/15/74, [redacted]  
[redacted] Sioux Falls Police Department, Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota, advised that [redacted] was in the  
Minnehaha County Courtroom on 4/30/74, when the clash occurred  
between police officers and militant Indians. [redacted] was  
not arrested.

This letter also reports that on 6/18/74, an FBI  
Agent observed [redacted] to be present during a  
confrontation between militant Indians and the Aberdeen,  
South Dakota Police Department at the new Federal Building  
in Aberdeen. [redacted] demanded that the Commissioner of  
Bureau of Indian Affairs discuss matters with him as a  
representative of AIM. No violence occurred on that date.

The above information is reported as it is  
considered to relate to allegation in enclosed LHM to the  
effect that [redacted] and other AIM leaders encourage  
confrontations.

LEAD:

OC 157-1319

DALLAS DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. If not already done, may desire to contact writer or enclosed letter as possible source of AIM activities and future plans, noting his relationship and apparent association with some AIM leaders.

OC 157-1319

NON-SYMBOL SOURCE PAGE

OC T-2 in enclosed LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] who  
furnished a letter dated 11/25/74, given to him by [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] which was sent to  
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[redacted] requested his identity be protected,  
however, he has informed [redacted] of his intention of  
furnishing this letter to the FBI.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

January 23, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Characterization of the American Indian Movement (AIM) is set forth as an appendix page attached hereto.



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Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) people do not trust Russell Means. In fact, there is every indication that SLA people trust very few people connected with AIM.

(OC T-1, November 27, 1974)

The SLA is the underground terrorist group which has claimed responsibility for the kidnaping of Patricia Campbell Hearst in California on February 4, 1974.

Russell Charles Means holds no office in AIM, but is a member of the AIM Central Committee, a decision making body.

(OC T-1, January 28, 1974)

There has been a recent split in AIM. Russell Means pulled his people out of AIM and he is now residing in Porcupine, South Dakota.

(OC T-1, November 27, 1974)

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Source(s) whose identities are concealed herein are furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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[redacted] at  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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(OC T-1, April 3, 1974)

On May 30, 1974, [redacted] Deputy United States Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that [redacted] is co-ordinating the trials against non-leadership AIM people in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the AIM organization.

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A source made available a resume of statements directed to [redacted] of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, on November 25, 1974. The statements were made by an American Indian male who indicates he is well acquainted with and has the confidence of some AIM leaders, including Dennis Banks, Russell Means, and [redacted]  
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Dennis James Banks holds no office in AIM but is a member of the AIM Central Committee, a decision making body.

(OC T-1, January 28, 1974)

The above mentioned Indian male reported the AIM had attempted to attract him to their ranks for several years but this person had not become affiliated with AIM because he could not equate himself with AIM leadership and some of its stated goals. He continued, reporting he considers that while AIM originally set itself some worthwhile goals, its leadership in the persons of Russell Means, Dennis Banks, and [redacted] have long since prevented those original noble goals and turned AIM's activities into self-serving actions, designed to reward themselves monetarily at the expense of the Indian people.

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This Indian male reported he had some conversation with AIM people and based on their statements he began to believe they were either in control of or in close touch with the persons having Patty Hearst. He reported he was invited to Phoenix, Arizona, to pursue this contention. He traveled to Arizona in this matter and there met with

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Russell Means and [ ] These two AIM leaders assured this person they could put him in touch with Patty Hearst.

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In addition to this verbal assurance and as an apparently collateral action Means and [ ] offered to display an example of their "power". This demonstration consisted of their ordering a number of young Indians to take their wardrums and go into the courtyard of the Sands Motel in Phoenix, where they held a war-dance, throwing beer cans everywhere in an obvious effort to provoke the Phoenix Police Department.

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This Indian male individual reported he is convinced the above indicated AIM leaders are closely aligned with the people who have Miss Hearst, if they do not have her themselves.

In addition to this supposition concerning the indicated AIM leaders and Miss Hearst the above Indian male reported he had conferred at length with Means and [ ] and became convinced they both are drunk with their own sense of self-importance. He also stated his convictions that Means and [ ] are going to cause a number of young Indians to perhaps be gravely injured, perhaps in another "Kent State" because of the fact Means and [ ] are "spoiling" for another confrontation.

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The above mentioned Indian male continued his statements commenting in effect as follows:

They, Means and [ ] naturally have a certain charisma...and having literally tweaked Uncle Sam's beard on three occasions and gotten away with it, they represent excitement to young Indians. Certainly no one in his right mind would buy that "revolution" stuff they preach, but they are preaching it to young, impressionable minds which respond to the idea.

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I can state this with absolute certainty:  
Based on my conversations with Means and [ ] they propose to stage some type of headline-grabbing incident during our Bicentennial Year

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that I fear will reflect badly on the many Indian people who do not share their views.

I would hope that some recourse should be available whereby the American Indian Movement could be re-oriented and re-channelled into a direction consistent with those many things so many people have worked so hard to achieve for Indian people. I believe we have the interest of the American people now--as well as their good will. I would hate to see these valuable assets literally thrown to the winds because of some foolish activities fostered by AIM.

It would be a sad thing indeed if the present AIM leadership, which, according to [ ] has "connections" with Havana, should bring about severe harm to any of the many Indian youth who are now responding to their pronouncements.

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I fear that there simply is not sufficient awareness of just how far these people are willing to go to further their own aims, but I do know they have something in mind which they plan to propose to the UN General Assembly.

In conclusion of his statements the Indian male individual reported his conclusions, as related above, are based on intensive talks with Means and [ ] and after watching them send upwards of a thousand Indian youths out to taunt and provoke a Police Department.

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He stated it appeared the principal thrust of their actions at this point seems to be to continue to attempt to bring about confrontations, which of themselves bring about publicity and of course adds to their following.

(OC T-2, December 17, 1974)

DENNIS BANKS, RUSSELL MEANS, AND [ ]  
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR (7-2011)

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FROM BUTTE (157-499)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS. AIM -EM. OO MINNEAPOLIS.

THE JANUARY 24, 1975, EDITION "GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE," A  
GREAT FALLS, MONT., DAILY NEWSPAPER, REVEALS SUB., GEORGE  
GIBBONS, AND PHIL LANE FROM SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, WILL SPEAK  
AT A PUBLIC MEETING TWO P. M., JANUARY 26, 1975, AT

COLLEGE OF GREAT FALLS THEATER. PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARANGED AND  
SPONSORED BY A LOCAL INDIAN, [REDACTED] IN HOPE OF CREATING  
INTEREST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER IN GREAT  
FALLS.

NO IDENTIFIABLE REFERENCES BUTTE INDICES CONCERNING JAN 28 1975

NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY BUTTE. HOWEVER,  
PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION WILL BE REPORTED.

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TO: DIRECTOR  
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MINNEAPOLIS REQUESTED TO ADVISE TRAVEL PLANS OF BANKS.

MINNEAPOLIS, SEATTLE, AND BUTTE ADVISE IDENTITIES AIM

MEMBERS KNOWN TRAVELING TO CALGARY FOR RALLY.

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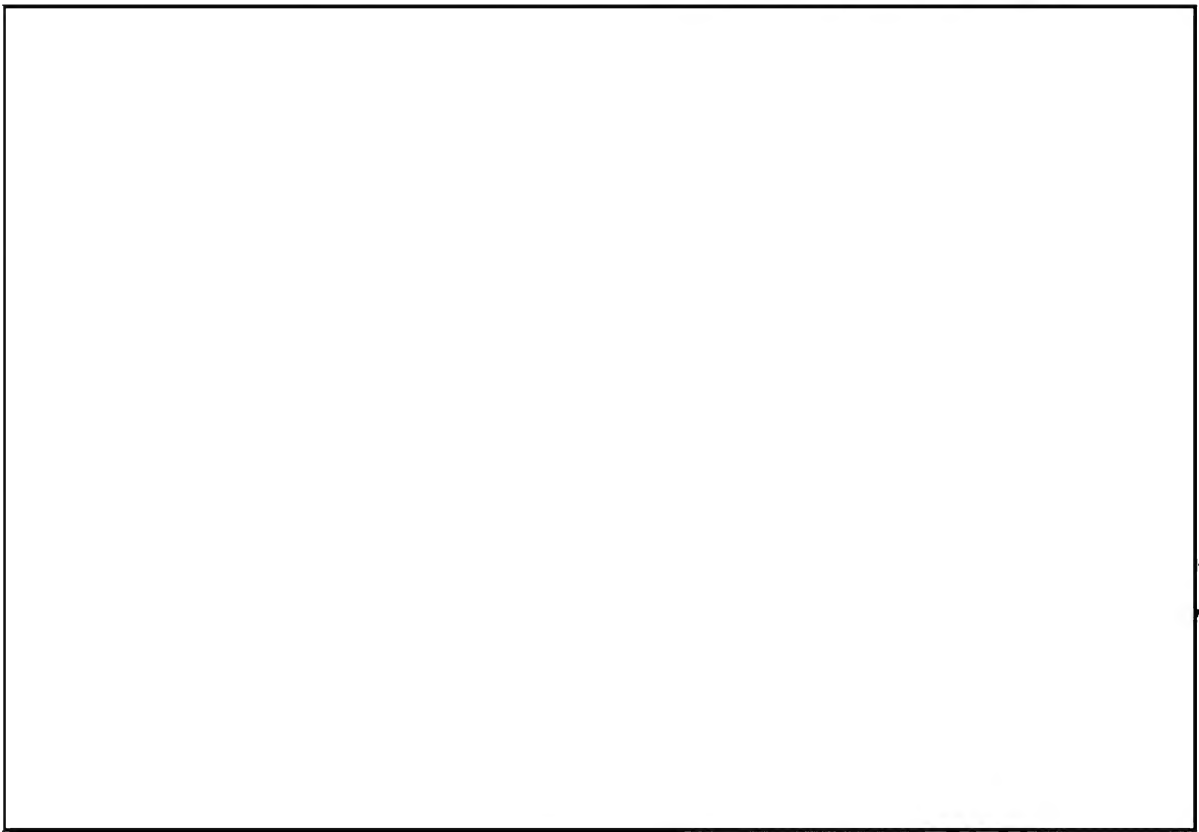
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FROM: Director, FBI

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602PM NITEL JANUARY 30, 1975 AGL

TO DIRECTOR FBI 157-29329

BUTLE 157-499 (INFO)

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-846 (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON JANUARY 29, 1975, A SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST ADVISED HE LEARNED THAT AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) NATIONAL LEADER DENNIS BANKS INTENDS TO SPEAK AS SCHEDULED AT UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA. SOURCE STATED

THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN MINNESOTA IN 1968, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN. AIM LED AND PARTICIPATED IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN SCOTTSDLUFF, NEBRASKA, AND THE RAPID CITY-CUSTER AREAS OF SOUTH DAKOTA. AIM LED TAKEOVER AND OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN FEBRUARY - MAY, 1973.

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[REDACTED] SOURCE STATED HE UNDERSTANDS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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~~FDHQ REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE TO LEGAT, OTTAWA.~~ //

~~RE BUTTE NITEL TO BUREAU DATED JANUARY 28, 1975.~~

~~IDENTITY OF SOURCE IS~~ [REDACTED]

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~~MINNEAPOLIS WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SOURCE~~ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ADVISE.

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LEGAT OTTAWA ADVISE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

~~CC - GEN IAU~~

## Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1/31/75

On 2/6/73, members of American Indian Movement (AIM) at Custer, South Dakota (S.D.), protested charge of manslaughter against white defendant in death of an Indian. Riot ensued and Custer County Court House damaged by fire; Chamber of Commerce building burnt to ground.

Attached indicates pre-trial hearings for national AIM leader Dennis Banks on charges relating to Custer riot scheduled for 2/10 and 14/75. Anticipated trial date 2/18/75. S.D. Attorney General's Office advised Custer residents extremely hostile towards AIM, heavily armed and described situation as extremely volatile.

Attached being furnished by teletype to Secret Service, Criminal Division (Internal Security, General Crimes Sections and Civil Disturbance Unit) of the Department, and Department of Interior.

1 - General Investigative Division

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455PM URGENT JANUARY 30, 1975 AGL

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//////////ALL OFFICES VIA WASHINGTON//////////

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-4319

PROPOSED TRIAL OF DENNIS JAMES BANKS, CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, FEBRUARY  
10, 1975, EM - AIM; 00: MINNEAPOLIS.

ON JANUARY 30, 1975, [REDACTED] SPECIAL AGENT, DIVISION  
OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (DCI), SOUTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
OFFICE, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
HAS SCHEDULED PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS FOR BANKS ON FEBRUARY 10 AND 14,  
1975, AND ANTICIPATED TRIAL DATE TO BEGIN FOR JURY SELECTION ON  
FEBRUARY 18, 1975. [REDACTED] STATED SOUTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
OFFICE ANTICIPATES THE STATE TRIAL OF BANKS TO LAST FROM THREE TO SIX  
WEEKS. BANKS/BEING TRIED ON SOUTH DAKOTA CHARGES OF RIOT AND RIOT  
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FOR INFORMATION, CUSTER COUNTY COURT HOUSE <sup>DAMAGED</sup> AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, ~~WAS~~ BURNED TO THE GROUND ON FEBRUARY 6, 1973. THE FIRES <sup>WERE</sup> ~~WAS~~ A RESULT OF AN AIM PROTEST WHEREIN AIM WAS PROTESTING THE CHARGES OF MANSLAUGHTER PLACED AGAINST WHITE DEFENDANT IN THE DEATH OF WESLEY BAD HEART BULL. THE RIOT ENSUED AND THE BUILDINGS WERE BURNED. NUMEROUS POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHERS RECEIVED INJURIES AS RESULT OF THAT RIOT.



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ADMINISTRATIVE

RECEIVING OFFICES REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ALERT ALL SOURCES AND INFORMANTS <sup>2</sup>RE PROPOSED TRAVEL TO CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN SUPPORT OF DENNIS BANKS, AND ADVISE MINNEAPOLIS OF ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED.

MINNEAPOLIS <sup>6</sup>WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL OFFICIALS <sup>5</sup>IN CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND KEEP THE BUREAU APPRISED OF ANY PERTINENT <sup>7</sup>INFORMATION.

END.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CORRECTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE.

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Date 1/31/75

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TO: DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS (157-4319)

FROM: ALBUQUERQUE (157-909)

PROPOSED TRIAL OF DENNIS JAMES BANKS, CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA,  
FEBRUARY 10, 1975, EM - AIM. 00: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU, JANUARY 30, 1975.

ALBUQUERQUE SOURCES CONTACTED AND NOT AWARE OF  
ANYONE FROM THIS DIVISION PLANNING TRAVEL TO CUSTER FOR TRIAL.  
SOURCES WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY TRAVEL.

END

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 2/12/75

FROM : Legat, Bern (157-29) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

Re: BERlet 1/6/75.

Enclosed are 8 copies of:

☒ Letterhead Memorandum dated: 2/12/75 ☐ Item dated: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Fingerprints

☐ Photograph

Received by Legat, Bern, on 1/28/75 From: \_\_\_\_\_

[Redacted Content]

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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure is classified CONFIDENTIAL ☒ By source ☐ See remarks

Bureau is requested to check:

☐ Name(s) in Bufiles

☐ Name(s) and/or fingerprints in Identification Division

☒ Foregoing furnished for information.

Remarks:

- ⑥ - Bureau (Enc-8)
  - 1 - Foreign Liaison (Enc-1)
  - 1 - Minneapolis (Enc-1) (Info)
  - 1 - New York (Enc-1) (Info)
  - 1 - WFO (Enc-1) (Info)
- 3 - Bern (157-27; 157-23) (157-29)

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157-29309-82

FEB 25 1975

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Washington, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

February 12, 1975

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

T-1, a confidential source abroad, has informed as follows:

DENNIS BANKS, born December 4, 1937 at Federal Dam, Minnesota, permanent address, Box 3677, St. Paul, Minnesota,

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157-29309-82



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-11156) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: Minneapolis

DATE: 3/28/75

Re Minneapolis letter and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau dated 12/16/74.

Los Angeles has maintained contact with sources familiar with the activities of subject with no information noted.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will maintain contact with sources familiar with activities of DENNIS BANKS and advise office of origin when pertinent.

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EX-117

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- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis (157-846) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

DATE: 4/21/75

Re Minneapolis letter and LHM to the Bureau,  
dated December 16, 1974.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of  
an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Copies of a  
FD-376 are attached to two copies of the LHM for  
dissemination to the United States Secret Service,  
Washington, D.C.

One copy of the LHM, along with one copy of a  
FD-376 is being disseminated to the United States  
Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Location of Information
MP T-1 is former [redacted]	[redacted]
MP T-2 is [redacted]	[redacted]
MP T-3 is [redacted]	157-846-730
MP T-4 is [redacted]	[redacted]

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- ② - Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis
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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1973
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ Reason for classification where exemption category does not provide a self-evident basis.
  - a. Details of Report: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Cover Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)  
of his being under current indictment on Federal charges  
stemming from the Wounded Knee confrontation, STATE  
CHARGES IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)

**BANKS is the National Executive Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM). BANKS is currently a member of the AIM Central Committee.**

10. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☒ Submitted May 15, 1973 (date) Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No
11. ☒ Subject designated and/or included in:
 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

April 21, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Enclosure(s) (1)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 21, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

On December 31, 1974, MP T-1 advised that during the latter part of November, 1974, Banks flew to Vienna, Austria and attended a worldwide meeting of the World Council of Churches (WCC), whose main purpose was to discuss Colonialism in the United States as it affects American Indians and other minorities and what the WCC could do to help alleviate this situation.

World Council of Churches

An organization of 224 Protestant and Orthodox churches in 93 countries -- actively campaigns for social justice and has granted financial support to several liberation movements.

--The Minneapolis,  
Minnesota, Tribune,  
a daily newspaper  
December 2, 1974



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Banks returned to the United States several days later with no money or commitments, but with many words of encouragement and promises to help.

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past, except where otherwise noted.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

The source further advised that in the event that Banks is convicted by the State of South Dakota, on charges stemming from Banks' involvement in the AIM-led demonstrations in which the Custer County Court House and other buildings were burned. February 6, 1973, [REDACTED]

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On January 11, 1975, MP T-2 advised that Dennis Banks will be working with the American Indian Movement (AIM) (See Appendix) Speaker's Bureau in which Banks will be traveling around giving speeches at various colleges.

In the February 28, 1975 issue of "The Massachusetts Daily Collegian," the official student newspaper of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Massachusetts, there appeared an article entitled, "Banks Warns of Indian Warfare." Banks spoke to approximately 600 in the celebration of the Second Anniversary of the Indian Take-over of Wounded Knee. Banks spoke at the Campus Center Auditorium, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts on February 27, 1975.

MP T-3 on February 11, 1975, advised that Banks stayed at the Frontier Hotel on the evening of February 9, 1975 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Banks gave an address of 12900 Mulholland Drive, Beverly Hills, California, which is believed to be the home of Marlon Brando.

On February 20, 1974, MP T-4 advised that if

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

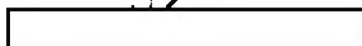
In an article appearing in the March 11, 1975 final edition of the Rapid City Journal, a paper of general circulation in Rapid City, South Dakota area, entitled "Delay Granted in Banks Trial," the following information was obtained:

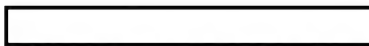
The South Dakota Supreme Court has granted delay in the trial of American Indian Movement Leader Dennis Banks, and has delayed the starting of Banks' trial until at least, June 16, 1975. Banks is on trial for a charge resulting from a February 6, 1973 incident in which AIM-led demonstrators clashed with law enforcement officials on the Custer, South Dakota Main Street. The County Court House and other local buildings were set on fire.

On March 4, 1975, MP T-1 advised that Dennis Banks is currently the National Executive Director of the AIM and very active. Source went on to advise that



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 of the St. Paul Chapter of the American Indian Movement (AIM).

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Minneapolis Tribune  
February 3, 1975

Banks left Lincoln, Nebraska on the evening of January 5, 1975 and became actively involved as a negotiator visiting the occupied Abbey almost daily.

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Source advised that in November, 1974, AIM's Western National Office was established at 19½ Avenue 23, Venice, California by the direction of Dennis Banks. This office operates directly under the direction of Banks and is on the same level of command as the National Office in St. Paul, Minnesota.

On March 6, 1975, MP T-1 advised that Banks

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APPENDIX

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AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

The American Indian Movement (AIM) was formed in 1968 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, by [redacted] Dennis Banks and [redacted] Chippewa Indians, as a civil rights organization. Its stated goals are to secure Indian self-determination and the right to be and think Indian; to eliminate the destructive tendencies of Christianity, white-oriented education and the Federal Government from Indian life, along with the yoke of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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All AIM chapters, leaders and members are not considered to be violence-prone. Members of AIM, however, led by violence-prone leaders, participated in the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building, Washington, D. C., during November, 1972, and participated in confrontations with local authorities, resulting in violence at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and the Rapid City-Custer area of South Dakota. From 2/27/73, through 5/8/73, these leaders with AIM members and supporters occupied Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms. Since that time AIM leaders, members and supporters have been involved in numerous confrontations with local and Federal authorities, including the shooting and killing of a deputy sheriff in Arizona, and the severe beating of two police officers in South Dakota. A county court house, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was extensively damaged during a disturbance at the Wounded Knee nonleadership trials.

From 1/1/75 through 2/3/75, a group of Indians led by a Wisconsin AIM leader took over the Alexian Brothers Novitiate, Gresham, Wisconsin. Subsequent court appearances by those involved in the takeover have resulted in disturbances and violence with minor injuries to numerous individuals including police officers.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 5/22/75

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-11156) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM-AIM  
OO: Minneapolis

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, dated 3/28/75.

Contact with sources familiar with activities of the American Indian Movement in the Los Angeles Division have been negative concerning subject.

Inasmuch as no further investigation remains outstanding this matter is considered RUC'd.

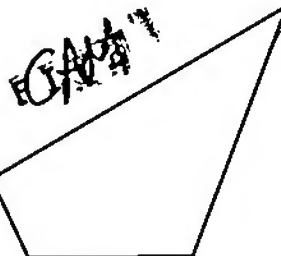
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 7/2/75

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

Re Minneapolis letter and LHM to Bureau, both dated 4/21/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of LHM, dated and captioned as above. Also, two copies of FD-376 are attached for dissemination of LHM to Secret Service at Washington, D.C.

One copy LHM being disseminated to Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## INFORMANTS

### Identity of Source

### Location of Information

MP T-1 is

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MP T-2 is

MP T-3 is a source whose identity appears on the non-symbol source page.

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### MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

### AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will follow activities of BANKS.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs, Minneapolis, Minnesota (by request).

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2. ☒ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1973
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ Reason for classification where exemption category does not provide a self-evident basis.
  - a. Details of Report: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Cover Pages: \_\_\_\_\_

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)  
**because he is under indictment.**

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)

**BANKS is the National Executive Director of the American Indian Movement (AIM). BANKS is currently a member of the AIM Central Committee.**

10. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☒ Submitted 5/15/73 (date) Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No
11. ☒ Subject designated and/or included in:
 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 2, 1975

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Enclosure(s) (1) (RM)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 2, 1975

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

On April 27, 1975, an article entitled, "Banks Calls for New Agency to Take Over BIA," appeared in the Rapid City Journal, a daily newspaper of general circulation, published at Rapid City, South Dakota. In the article, Banks spoke at Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska, and called for the establishment of a cabinet level agency to replace the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the repeal or amending of the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act, and an attempt to remove "the stranglehold BIA has on every final decision that should be made by Indians."

On April 30, 1975, Dennis Banks traveled to Buffalo, New York, to participate in a demonstration during the sentencing of John Hill, an American Indian, found guilty of murder during the 1971 Attica, New York, prison riot; however, the sentencing was postponed. Banks is alleged to have stated that disorders will occur if the sentence is severe.

MP T-1

The April 30, 1975, St. Paul Dispatch, a daily newspaper of general circulation, published at St. Paul, Minnesota, carried an article entitled, "AIM Leaders Meet Map Group's Future." (See Appendix). Banks claimed that the American Indian Movement (AIM) will focus on education,

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particularly the "survival" schools.

Other topics discussed at the meeting attended by eighteen AIM leaders were:

- (1) Establishment of a permanent Legal Action Committee;
- (2) Plans to prevent further infiltration of AIM by the Federal Bureau of Investigation informants;
- (3) Struggle for Treaty Rights;
- (4) Support of political struggle on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation against Richard Wilson, Oglala Sioux Tribal Chairman; and
- (5) AIM sponsored ban on tourism in South Dakota.

On May 21, 1975, Banks spoke at the ceremonies opening an AIM sponsored "Survival School" in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He stated he had a personal vendetta against South Dakota Attorney General William Janklow, who, Banks claimed once raped an Indian girl. He also stated that AIM was "joining forces with third world groups located in Micronesia, South Africa, and South America."

MP T-2

On June 2, 1975, MP T-3 learned that an article appeared in the "U.S. Stars and Stripes," a daily newspaper published by the United States Army which reported that Banks had stated "there will be a revolution on a different Indian reservation each and every month this summer," until the Indian question is resolved.

On June 14, 1975, the Minneapolis Tribune, a daily newspaper of general circulation, published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, reported that Circuit Judge Marshall Young, presiding judge in Banks' trial stemming from disorders at Custer, South Dakota, on February 6, 1973, had dismissed charges of riot, injury to a public building, conspiracy to commit second degree arson and arson at the request of the state.



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4:00 PM AUGUST 1, 1975 DSC IMMEDIATE

TO DIRECTOR (157-29309)  
RAPID CITY

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)

ATTENTION: INTD, GID.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM.

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ON AUGUST 1, 1975, A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT HE HAS LEARNED FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS IN SOUTH DAKOTA THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE DEPRESSED TO A GREAT DEGREE OVER THE PROSPECT THAT BANKS, AN AIM LEADER, WILL BE SENTENCED TO A PRISON TERM ON AUGUST 5, 1975, BY SOUTH DAKOTA CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE MARSHALL YOUNG.

THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN MINNESOTA IN 1968, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN. AIM LED AND PARTICIPATED IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN SCOTTSDUFF, NEB., AND THE RAPID CITY-CUSTER AREA OF SOUTH DAKOTA. AIM LED THE TAKEOVER AND OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN FEBRUARY - MAY, 1973.

BANKS WAS FOUND GUILTY BY JURY AT CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON AUG 5 1975 JULY 26, 1975, ON TWO OF THE FIVE COUNTS ON WHICH HE WAS GIVEN TRIAL.

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HE WAS FOUND GUILTY ON A CHARGE OF RIOT WHILE ARMED WITH CLUB AND ON ONE COUNT OF ASSAULT WITHOUT INTENT TO KILL. HE WAS ACQUITTED ON THE FOLLOWING CHARGES: SECOND DEGREE ARSON AND TWO COUNTS OF BURGLARY.

ABOVE SOURCE STATED THAT VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. ARE BEING CONTACTED BY AIM MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS REQUESTING THAT PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY BE CONTACTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING THEM TO SEND TELEGRAMS TO JUDGE MARSHALL YOUNG REQUESTING THAT HE BE LENIENT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS SENTENCING OF BANKS. SOURCE STATED JUDGE YOUNG MOST PROBABLY WILL BE INUNDATED WITH TELEGRAMS.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RAPID CITY AT RAPID CITY, SD, WILL FURNISH ABOVE INFO TO JUDGE YOUNG AS HE MAY BE FOREWARNED OF A POSSIBLE DELUGE OF TELEGRAMS. SOURCE IS

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>EM - AIM</b>	

REFERENCE

Minneapolis airtel and LHM to the Bureau, dated July 2, 1975.

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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will continue to follow activities of DENNIS JAMES BANKS.

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Date photograph was taken 1973
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ Reason for classification where exemption category does not provide a self-evident basis.
  - a. Details of Report: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Cover Pages: \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)  
 He was under indictment and subsequent prosecution. Thereafter, upon a guilty verdict by the jury, he fled the state of South Dakota and his current whereabouts are unknown.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and an FD-122 with succinct summary, has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria because (state reason)  
 BANKS is currently a member of the AIM Central Committee. He is also the National Executive Director of the AIM.
10. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☒ Submitted May 15, 1973 (date) Placed ☒ Yes ☐ No
11. ☒ Subject designated and/or included in:
 

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

September 29, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Dear Sir:

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Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
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Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - U. S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Report of: [REDACTED]

Date: September 29, 1975

Office: Minneapolis,  
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Field Office File #: 157-846

Bureau File #: 157-29309

Title: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTER - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

Synopsis: DENNIS JAMES BANKS alleged that the BIA is attempting to end AIM. He calls for boycott of America's Bi-centennial celebration. He claims AIM emphasis has shifted to education. He calls for neutral law enforcement on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. BANKS found guilty on charges of Riot and Assault with Dangerous Weapon; he failed to appear for sentencing 8/5/75.

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## DETAILS:

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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A characterization of the American Indian Movement (AIM) can be found in the attached appendix page.

On June 10, 1975, the "Rapid City Journal," a daily newspaper of general circulation published at Rapid City, South Dakota, printed an article attributed to the Associated Press entitled "BANKS Says AIM Meeting May Move to South Dakota." The article states that the AIM National Convention being held at Farmington, New Mexico, may move to South Dakota where "our people are being killed." He alleged that the shooting of RUSSELL MEANS near Cannonball Bridge, North Dakota, is "a clear indication of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) goal to stop the American Indian Movement at all costs." He alleged that the shooting was an assassination attempt by the BIA.

RUSSELL MEANS holds no national office; however, he is a member of the Central Committee of AIM, a decision-making body.

MP T-1  
January 28, 1974

BANKS continued by saying, "South Dakota is where our people are being killed and now it's spilling over into North Dakota. Officers of AIM are calling a national combat alert."

On June 12, 1975, an article entitled "AIM Says Bicentennial Time of Misery, Murder," appeared in the "Rapid City Journal," supra. The article states that DENNIS BANKS indicates that America's Bicentennial represents 200 years of nothing but misery and murder to the Indian community. BANKS further stated that (AIM) had called "for an international year of mourning. We will advocate to the tribes to seal off the reservations so that they will deny commerce to the reservations."

On June 12, 1975, AIM made a press release which was captioned "AIM Forms Native American People's Bicentennial Commission." In part, the release by AIM National Executive Director DENNIS BANKS and AIM International Director VERNON BELLECOURT, announced "European support for an international



'boycott America's Bicentennial' which is being organized by AIM and other groups in Europe that support native American people's rights."

The press release stated that BANKS and BELLECOURT had traveled recently to France and Germany to gain international attention to halt the abuses and injustices against native Americans.

In announcing this year of mourning, BANKS and BELLECOURT stated that "while white America celebrates and rejoices over her accomplishments and riches, native Americans still suffer from hunger, malnutrition, high suicide rates, alcoholism, highest infant mortality rates, slum conditions, inadequate health care, and corruption and murder on the reservation.

While America celebrates her 200th year of independence, Indian people suffer from colonialism. The 371 broken treaties mark our loss of sovereignty, land and freedom.

What is most ironic about this Bicentennial is that (President) FORD and (Vice President) ROCKEFELLER have teamed up to present to the world another gross fabrication of life in the United States" They call upon citizens to support the native American people's Bicentennial march to Mount Rushmore on July 4 by holding peaceful vigils or mass rallies at appropriate Federal buildings. In Europe there will be vigils and rallies at U. S. Embassies.

On June 13, 1975, an article entitled, "Confrontation is Possible, Says BANKS," appeared in the "Bismarck Tribune," a daily newspaper of general circulation published at Bismarck, North Dakota, which quotes DENNIS BANKS as saying, "I certainly don't look forward to a confrontation, but they are pushing us to a confrontation." This comment was made in reference to the presence of the San Juan County Sheriff's Posse members parading in Old West Cavalry uniforms at their annual parade in Farmington, New Mexico. BANKS continued his comments regarding confrontations by saying, "We have never planned any demonstrations that we have been involved with. But we have always responded."

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The June 13, 1975, edition of the "Dickinson Press," a daily newspaper of general circulation published at Dickinson, North Dakota, ran an article entitled, "AIM Sees Conspiracy," wherein DENNIS BANKS was quoted as saying, "They should know that if we're there, something might happen. It is a direct affront to the American Indian Movement." BANKS was referring to the annual parade of the San Juan County Sheriff's Posse members at Farmington, New Mexico.

The June 13, 1975, edition of the "Rapid City Journal," supra, ran an article entitled, "BANKS Says AIM Campaign May Intensify." In making reference to AIM efforts against the BIA, BANKS told a news conference during the AIM National Convention at Farmington, New Mexico, "It is going to be a hot summer for them, probably their last. I'm not going to personally rest until the BIA is dead and buried. We cannot tolerate another day of BIA existence." In the article BANKS alleged his group has been infiltrated by at least 300 Indians working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

During a meeting at the AIM National Convention in Farmington, New Mexico, on June 12, 1975, DENNIS BANKS indicated to those present that a caravan would be established at Farmington to travel to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passing through the Rosebud Indian Reservation, Rosebud, South Dakota, to attend the trial of [REDACTED]

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MP T-2  
June 20, 1975

Although [REDACTED] holds no office in AIM, he is considered the [REDACTED]

MP T-1  
January 28, 1974

The July 5, 1975, edition of the "Minneapolis Star," a daily newspaper of general circulation published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, published a story entitled, "AIM Leader Says White Americans Are On Trial." On July 4, 1975, at Mount Rushmore National Memorial, outside of Rapid City, South Dakota, DENNIS BANKS is quoted as saying, "For 199 years we've been on trial, and for 199 years we've been found guilty. The next 200 years will not be like the last."

All this year the United States of America will be on trial by Indian people. How white America handles the next year will determine its punishment."

The June, 1975, edition of "Crazy Horse News," a monthly publication of general circulation published at Manderson, South Dakota, published an article entitled, "AIM Leaders Plead Indian Cause." The article states that DENNIS BANKS and VERNON BELLECOURT, supra, traveled to Berlin, West Germany, and Paris, France, during a tour where they met with world-wide groups of sympathizers which involved travels to the South Pacific as well as Europe. The purpose of the trip, according to BANKS, is "to inform the general public of current events and keep them up to date on the plight of the native American." BANKS stated that an auction organized by professors at the University of Paris to raise funds for AIM netted \$4,999.00, the largest amount they can bring into the United States "because of legal problems." BANKS alleged that there is a great shift within Indian communities to reject the bureaucracy and demand control over themselves. AIM recently incorporated and its top priority will be "to advance the well-being, self-determination and cultural preservation of the native peoples of the American continents;" this is according to their incorporation articles.

BANKS stated that in April, AIM leaders met to weigh methods employed in the past and decided to put emphasis on education. When asked if AIM's militant stand was mellowing its ideology or actions, BANKS responded by saying, "No, we're getting tougher. We've had time to look at our problems in revolutionary methods and community living and many Indian communities have called a moratorium on the use of drugs and the high rate of alcoholism." He indicated that "survival schools" are starting up in parts of the U. S.

On July 24, 1975, the "St. Paul Dispatch," a daily newspaper of general circulation published in St. Paul, Minnesota, published a story entitled, "BANKS Seeking Neutral Force at Pine Ridge." The article states that at a news conference in Custer, BANKS indicated that AIM would recognize and respect people assigned to carry out the responsibilities of law and order on the reservation. This force should be independent of AIM, the BIA and the philosophy of Oglala Sioux Chairman RICHARD WILSON.

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The Sun Dance, a religious ceremony, which was held on the property of [REDACTED] supra, on the Rosebud Indian Reservation was attended by DENNIS BANKS and other AIM leaders.

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MP T-3  
August 4, 1975

On August 4, 1975, DENNIS BANKS and other AIM leaders left the Sun Dance ceremony at [REDACTED] on the Rosebud Indian Reservation and traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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MP T-5  
August 12, 1975

Following the murders of two FBI Agents on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on June 26, 1975, [REDACTED]

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MP T-4  
July 19, 1975

On June 11, 1975, the "Rapid City Journal," supra, published a story indicating that South Dakota authorities had submitted a motion to dismiss the following charges against DENNIS BANKS:

- (1) Riot
- (2) Injury to a Public Building
- (3) Conspiracy to Commit Second Degree Arson
- (4) Arson

This motion was granted by Pennington County Circuit Judge MARSHALL YOUNG on June 10, 1975.

The same newspaper on June 16, 1975, printed a story indicating that the jury selection for the trial of DENNIS BANKS had begun on June 9, 1975.

MP 157-846

On July 11, 1975, the "St. Paul Pioneer Press," a daily newspaper of general circulation published at St. Paul, Minnesota, ran a story indicating that Judge YOUNG, presiding judge, denied the defense motion to dismiss charges against BANKS. The trial began on July 11, 1975.

The July 27, 1975, edition of the "St. Paul Pioneer Press," supra, published a story entitled, "AIM Leader BANKS Found Guilty of Riot," which story indicated that BANKS was found guilty on counts of Riot While Armed with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon without Intent to Kill on July 26, 1975.

On August 5, 1975, WILLIAM JANKLOW, Attorney General, State of South Dakota, advised that DENNIS BANKS was to appear at the Circuit Court, Custer, South Dakota, on this date for sentencing following his conviction of July 26, 1975. BANKS failed to appear and presiding Circuit Court Judge MARSHALL YOUNG revoked BANKS' bond and issued a bench warrant charging him with failure to appear. Coincidentally, JANKLOW also advised that he had been in contact with the Federal Court authorities at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that date and that [redacted] [redacted] had failed to appear for sentencing there, following their conviction for their participation in the Wounded Knee takeover. (See appendix).

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On August 6, 1975, VERNON BELLECOURT conducted a press conference at the Native American Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which was attended by an Agent of the FBI. BELLECOURT advised that BANKS is a fugitive from injustice and has gone into exile. He also stated that BANKS would continue as the National Director of AIM and he will oversee its operations no matter what country he is in.

APPENDIX

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AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT

A source advised on May 22, 1975, that the American Indian Movement (AIM) was formed in 1968 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, as a civil rights organization with stated goals to secure Indian self-determination and to eliminate the destructive tendencies of Christianity, white oriented education and the federal government from Indian life, along with the yoke of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 1/7/76

FROM : *WPH* SAC, Minneapolis (157-846) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: MP

ReMPrep of SA  dated 9/29/75.

Since the submission of the referenced report, the Minneapolis Division has been conducting extensive investigation to locate and apprehend captioned subject, a Federal fugitive. Furthermore, Minneapolis is not in receipt of any information concerning subject's extremist activities.

Minneapolis is fully aware of the various sightings of BANKS; however, since none of these have resulted in any positive reportable information, Minneapolis feels that it should not be placed in an LHM. When, and as soon as, any information is received, it will be reported in a form suitable for dissemination.

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Re Minneapolis report of SA [redacted] dated 9/29/75 and Minneapolis letter to the Bureau dated 1/7/76.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed for San Francisco and Portland are two copies of above LHM.

Attached for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-376.

Minneapolis will disseminate a copy of LHM locally to United States Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota, via FD-376.

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Will follow and report extremist activities of DENNIS JAMES BANKS.

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AT PORTLAND, and EUGENE, OREGON

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 1, 1976

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
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4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
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7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clarence M. Kelley".  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service , Minneapolis, Minnesota

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 31, 1976

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

On January 25, 1976, the St. Paul Pioneer Press, a newspaper of general circulation published daily at St. Paul, Minnesota, printed a story which indicates that Dennis James Banks, an American Indian Movement (AIM - See Appendix) leader, was arrested on January 24, 1976, by local police and agents of the FBI. Banks had fled the State of South Dakota in August, 1975, and had been wanted on a charge of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement. Banks had been found guilty on July 26, 1975, of being armed during a riot and assault with a dangerous weapon without intent to kill.

The article also stated that Banks was wanted in Portland, Oregon, where he was indicted on December 22, 1975, by a Federal Grand Jury on four counts of violation of the National Firearms Act and one count of being a convicted felon in possession of a weapon.

On January 26, 1976, the Minneapolis Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation published daily at Minneapolis, Minnesota, ran a story which quotes Banks in a statement he issued from the El Cerrito, California, Jail, that his arrest is a "pattern that was established throughout the decades of Indian-white relations . . . at a time in which the United States is on the eve of its 200th anniversary - 200 years of arresting Indians who have cried out for justice and an end to atrocities being committed on every reservation in this country".

"If I should die in prison, white America should be ashamed of, at least, not moving to correct (that policy)..."

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

The San Francisco Division advised on February 20, 1976, that Banks appeared before United States Magistrate Richard S. Goldsmith, San Francisco, California, on February 20, 1976, for removal in connection with indictment issued in December, 1975, by United States District Court, Portland, Oregon. Banks' attorney requested the proceedings be continued until April 5, 1976, at which time he would waive removal to Portland, Oregon.

On February 24, 1976, the Minnesota Daily, a publication printed daily at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, quoted Banks as saying he sees "AIM organizers as the key to redressing these wrongs and securing constitutional rights for Indians".

He continued, "AIM today is eight years old, . . . but it is already a national and international movement, with locals on most reservations and representatives in 30 foreign countries." He said AIM has recently made contacts with native Brazilians and after the current crisis, will call a "hemispheric council" to set down broader policies for all native-born peoples in North and South America.

APPENDIX

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CHARACTERIZATION OF EXTREMIST ORGANIZATION

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Two FBI Agents were ambushed and slain by Indians on June 26, 1975, on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation. On November 25, 1975, four Indians were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Rapid City, South Dakota, in connection with the murder of the Agents. Sources advised on December 9, 1975, that all four indicted Indians are members of the AIM.

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (88-8431) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS: ENA; AIMA

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA; MARION BRANDO, NEA; HEAR; HEAC; CO; OUP

ON MAY 10, 1976, [REDACTED] A SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST, ADVISED HE HAD LEARNED OF A RUMOR AMONG MEMBERS OF THE DENVER INDIAN COMMUNITY THAT A "CONTRACT" HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO DISPOSE OF DENNIS BANKS BEFORE HE CAN GIVE AWAY ANY BARGAINING INFO TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR A GRANT OF IMMUNITY. SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]

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THIS CONFIRMS TELEPHONE CALL MAY 14, 1976, TO  GENERAL CRIMES SECTION, WHEREIN IT WAS NOTED FBI IS SEPARATELY ADVISING DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH HIS ATTORNEYS, OF THE RUMOR CONCERNING THE THREAT ON HIS LIFE. APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND U. S. ATTORNEY IN PORTLAND, OREGON, ALSO BEING ADVISED.

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-846 (P)

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ON MAY 20, 1976, MP T-1, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED DENNIS JAMES BANKS, [REDACTED] AR [REDACTED] CURRENTLY STAYING AT THE MAC LEOD MOTEL, FORT MAC LEOD, ALBERTA, CANADA, WITH CANADIAN AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) [REDACTED]

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A NATIONAL PRESS RELEASE MADE BY THE AIM AT FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO, ON JUNE 12, 1975, IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATIONAL AIM CONVENTION BEING HELD THERE, LISTED DENNIS BANKS AS THE CURRENT NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

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ASAC, RAPID CITY

FROM DENVER (88-10219)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA; MARLON BANKS; NFA; UFAP - UFAC

OO: MP.

ON MAY 14, 1976, A SOURCE WHO HAVE PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, WAS RECONTACTED AND HE ADVISED THE RUMOR REGARDING AN ALLEGED CONTRACT TO DISPOSE OF DENNIS BANKS BEFORE HE COULD GIVE AWAY ANY BARGAINING INFORMATION TO THE U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR A GRANT OF IMMUNITY, ALLEGEDLY ORIGINATED ON THE PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, AND ALLEGEDLY CAME FROM RUSSELL MEANS, FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO HIS BEING SHOT IN SOUTH DAKOTA. SOURCE ADVISED

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SOURCE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE ANY EXACT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ALLEGED THREAT TO BANKS.

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RE DENVER AIRTEL TO MINNEAPOLIS, DATED MAY 11, 1976; MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED MAY 14, 1976; BUREAU TELEPHONE CALLS TO DENVER ON MAY 14, 1976; AND DENVER TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED MAY 14, 1976.

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RAPID CITY WILL CONTACT SOURCES FAMILIAR WITH AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT, RUSSELL MEANS, AND DENNIS BANKS, IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE ALLEGED

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FROM: DENVER (88-10219)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA; MARLON BRANDO; NFA; UFAP - UFAC;

OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU, MAY 14, 1976. RE BUREAU  
TELCAL TO DENVER, MAY 14, 1976.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT SOURCE MAY 14, 1976, REGARDING  
RUMOR OF ALLEGED CONTRACT TO DISPOSE OF DENNIS BANKS HAS  
MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED]

DENVER CONTINUING

EFFORTS TO LOCATE SOURCE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING  
THREAT TO DENNIS BANKS.

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TO: DIRECTOR (157-28309)  
DENVER (87-13219)  
MINNEAPOLIS (157-346)  
RAPID CITY (157-246)  
FROM: PORTLAND (93-7637) (P)

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA; MARLON BRANDO; DEA; UNAP - UNAC;

COV MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, MAY 14, 1976

ON MAY 19, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM AN INDIAN, NAME NOT KNOWN, WHO IS FROM THE ROSEBUD RESERVATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) FOLLOWERS FROM BOTH ROSEBUD AND PINE RIDGE RESERVATIONS FEEL DENNIS BANKS IS TRAITOR TO THEIR CAUSE. "ALL" FEEL HE HAS SOLD OUT TO THE GOVERNMENT AND MUST BE ELIMINATED. THE BASIS FOR AIM'S FEELINGS REGARDING BANKS STEMS FROM THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT PROSECUTORS AND THE COURT AT HIS RECENT TRIAL IN PORTLAND.

1. IDENTIFY

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

73- [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]  
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Attached indicates s source, who has provided reliable information in the past, learned of a rumor among members of the Denver, Colorado, Indian community that a "contract" has been developed to dispose of American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Dennis James Banks before he can furnish information to the U. S. Government in return for a grant of immunity. The source [redacted]

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After coordination of this matter between General Investigative Division and Intelligence Division, this information was telephonically furnished to [redacted] General Crimes Section of the Criminal Division of the Department. Subsequently furnished by teletype to the Deputy Attorney General, Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit; and, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attn: General Crimes Section (Attn: [redacted])

On 5/14/76 in the absence of Attorney [redacted] was telephonically advised that FBI, Portland, will notify Banks either directly or through his attorneys, of the rumor pertaining to the threat on his life. Appropriate local authorities and U. S. Attorney in Portland would also be notified.

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On 5/14/76 Supervisor [redacted] b6  
Portland Office, was telephonically in- b7C  
structed by Intelligence Division Night  
Supervisor [redacted] to handle  
notification in accordance with the above.

Denver is continuing to follow this  
matter through the source, who is [redacted] b6

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[redacted] who learned this b7D  
information through "bar talk" and rumor  
in the Denver Indian community.

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5:30 PM URGENT MAY 14, 1976 DSC

TO DIRECTOR (157-29039)

DENVER (88-10219)

PORTLAND (89-94)

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FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (88-6431) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA; MARLON BRANDO; NFA; UFAP - UFAC; OO: MP.

ON MAY 10, 1976, MP T-1, A SOURCE WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFO  
IN PAST, ADVISED HE HAD LEARNED OF A RUMOR AMONG MEMBERS OF THE  
DENVER INDIAN COMMUNITY THAT A "CONTRACT" HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO DISPOSE  
OF DENNIS BANKS BEFORE HE CAN GIVE AWAY ANY BARGAINING INFO TO THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR A GRANT OF IMMUNITY. SOURCE ADVISED

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AIM WAS FOUNDED IN MINNESOTA IN 1968, DEDICATED TO IMPROVING  
CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN. AIM LED AND PARTICIPATED IN

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CONFRONTATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN SCOTTSELUFF, NEBRASKA, AND THE RAPID CITY-CUSTER AREAS OF SOUTH DAKOTA. AIM LED THE TAKEOVER AND OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN FEBRUARY-MAY, 1973.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE DENVER AIRTEL TO MINNEAPOLIS DATED MAY 11, 1976.

SOURCE IS UNIDENTIFIED DENVER SOURCE.

DENVER PROVIDE BUREAU WITH IDENTITY OF SOURCE. RECONTACT SOURCE AND HAVE SOURCE ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE ORIGIN OF RUMOR AND DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION ON THREAT. IF VERIFIED ADVISE PORTLAND TO CONTACT SUBJECTS' ATTORNEYS AND ADVISE THEM OF POSSIBLE THREAT TO BANKS' LIFE. DO NOT DISCLOSE INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED]

IT SHOULD BE NOTED [REDACTED] SUBJECT OF [REDACTED] CURRENTLY INCARCERATED FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM.

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7:33PM NITEL MAY 21, 1976 GMK

TO: DIRECTOR BUTTE  
MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)  
RAPID CITY (INFO)  
SEATTLE (INFO)

FROM: PORTLAND (88-7637) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES,  
MAY 20, 1976.

FOR INFORMATION OF SEATTLE, ON MAY 20, 1977, MP I-1, A  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMA-  
TION IN THE PAST, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MINNEAPOLIS THAT

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[REDACTED]

SUBJECT KNOWN TO BE UTILIZING 1975 DODGE AUTOMOBILE  
WITH [REDACTED] PLATE [REDACTED] WHILE IN CANADA.

AS FEDERAL INDICTMENT AGAINST BANKS IN DISTRICT OF  
OREGON DISMISSED, NO TRAVEL CONDITIONS EXIST FOR SUBJECT  
FEDERALLY; ALSO, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY [REDACTED]  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY, PORTLAND, OREGON, ADVISED THAT NO STATE  
COURT RESTRICTIONS IN EXISTENCE REGARDING BANKS' RELEASE  
PENDING GOVERNOR'S DECISION REGARDING EXTRADITION TO SOUTH  
DAKOTA.

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED SEATTLE DIVISION  
FOR INFORMATION IN CASE SUBJECT SHOULD RE-ENTER UNITED  
STATES THROUGH WASHINGTON.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

MP T-1 IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PER  
REQUEST).

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SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY (ADA) [REDACTED] MAY 21, 1976, REVEALED CONDITIONS ON SUBJECT'S RELEASE INCLUDED CONDITION THAT HE COULD ONLY LEAVE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANDLING HIS VARIOUS LEGAL MATTERS.

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ADA [REDACTED] DESIRES TO ORDER HEARING ON EITHER MAY 24, 1976 OR MAY 25, 1976, TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT IN VIOLATION OF RELEASE. ADA [REDACTED] REQUIRES PUBLIC INFORMATION INDICATING THAT SUBJECT PRESENTLY IN CANADA.

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IT IS REQUESTED THAT SEATTLE AND BUTTE DIVISIONS CONTACT APPROPRIATE SOURCES, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF NEWS ARTICLES APPEAR IN CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS STATING THAT BANKS WAS IN CANADA TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUTTE AT BUTTE, MONTANA. CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL, [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF BANKS REGISTERED MAC LEOD HOTEL, FORT MAC LEOD, ALBERTA, AND REQUEST [REDACTED] TO PROVIDE PORTLAND WITH COPY OF SUBJECT'S HOTEL REGISTRATION.

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TO DIRECTOR  
MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)  
PORTLAND (88-7637)  
RAPID CITY (70-10239)  
FROM SEATTLE (88-9066)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO SEATTLE MAY 21, 1976.

ON MAY 25, 1976, SE T-1, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABOARD, WHO  
HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, FURNISHED THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED]

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MINISTER'S PERMIT FOR TRAVEL OF BANKS IN CANADA ISSUED  
MAY 22, 1976, AND EXPIRED MAY 25, 1976. NO POSITIVE INFORMATION  
OTHER THAN INFORMATION FROM FORT MAC LEOD PLACES BANKS IN CANADA.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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[REDACTED] WHOSE INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM EXTREMELY  
SENSITIVE SOURCE AND ITS CONTENTS SHOULD NOT BE DIVULGED OUTSIDE  
OF BUREAU.

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3:35 P M NITEL MAY 19, 1976 LJC MAY 19 1976

TO: DIRECTOR (157-~~6330~~)  
DENVER (88-10219)  
MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)  
RAPID CITY (157-846)

TELETYPE

FROM: PORTLAND (88-7637)(P)

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS; AIM.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; AKA; MARLON BRANDO; MFA; UFAP - UFAC;

OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, MAY 14, 1976.

ON MAY 19, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED  
RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED  
INFORMATION FROM AN INDIAN, NAME NOT KNOWN, WHO IS FROM THE  
ROSEBUD RESERVATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT AMERICAN INDIAN  
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RESERVATIONS FEEL DENNIS BANKS IS TRAITOR TO THEIR CAUSE.

"ALL" FEEL HE HAS SOLD OUT TO THE GOVERNMENT AND MUST BE  
ELIMINATED. THE BASIS FOR AIM'S FEELINGS REGARDING BANKS  
STEMS FROM THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT PROSECUTORS  
AND THE COURT AT HIS RECENT TRIAL IN PORTLAND.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED BY RECIPIENT OFFICES THAT ABOVE  
INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] WAS FURNISHED WITHOUT  
SOURCE BEING AWARE OF PREVIOUS THREATS AGAINST BANKS.

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SINCE ABOVE INFORMATION APPEARS TO BE OF SAME SUBSTANCE  
AS THAT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY DENVER AND MINNEAPOLIS, AND  
BANKS HAVING PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADVISED, PORTLAND NOT ATTEMPTING  
TO RECONTACT BANKS, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR (157-29309) (88-62638)

DENVER (88-10129)

MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (88-643L)

RAPID CITY

SAN FRANCISCO (88-15843)

FROM: PORTLAND (88-7637)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, AKA; MARLON BRANDO; NFA; UFAC,

(OO: MINNEAPOLIS)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM

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RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU CAPTIONED AS

ABOVE, MAY 14, 1976.

ON MAY 14, 1976,

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PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU, WAS ADVISED OF

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INFORMATION CONCERNING THREAT TO LIFE OF DENNIS BANKS.

ADVISED THAT HE WOULD SEE BANKS  
DURING THE EVENING AND SPECIFICALLY ADVISE HIM OF THE  
THREAT. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT ATTORNEY  
FOR DENNIS BANKS, WERE NEGATIVE ON MAY 14, 1976, AND  
MAY 15, 1976.

ON MAY 15, 1976, FIRST ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY

USA'S OFFICE, PORTLAND, OREGON, WAS

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADVISED OF THREAT AGAINST LIFE OF DENNIS BANKS.

ON MAY 15, 1976, USM [REDACTED], USM'S SERVICE,  
PORTLAND, OREGON, WAS ADVISED CONCERNING THREAT AGAINST  
LIFE OF DENNIS JAMES BANKS.

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ON MAY 15, 1976, [REDACTED]  
PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU, ADVISED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO  
CONTACT BANKS PERSONALLY, BUT HAD PROVIDED THE INFORMATION  
CONCERNING THREAT TO BANKS' ATTORNEY [REDACTED]  
AND TO CO-DEFENDANTS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ARE CO-DEFENDANTS  
WITH BANKS IN A CASE INVOLVING FEDERAL FIREARMS AND  
EXPLOSIVES CHARGES IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

ADMINISTRATIVE

FOR INFORMATION OF RAPID CITY, REFERENCED MINNEAPOLIS  
TELETYPE SET FORTH INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED]  
RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT A "CONTRACT" HAD BEEN  
DEVELOPED TO DISPOSE OF DENNIS BANKS BEFORE BANKS  
COULD GIVE AWAY ANY BARGAINING INFORMATION TO THE

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U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR A GRANT OF IMMUNITY. THIS INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED FROM THE DENVER INDIAN COMMUNITY.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND RECIPIENTS, WHEN INITIALLY CONTACTED CONCERNING THREAT ON EVENING OF MAY 14, 1976, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE HAD MADE A DEAL WITH BANKS WHEREBY THE PORTLAND POLICE WOULD NOT DISRUPT ANY DEMONSTRATIONS WITH WHICH BANKS WAS AFFILIATED IF BANKS IN TURN WOULD "SERVE WARRANTS" ON INDIAN SUBJECTS IN THE PORTLAND AREA. [REDACTED] STATED THAT BANKS ON THE EVENING OF MAY 14, 1976, WAS ATTEMPTING TO SERVE FOUR WARRANTS AND THAT [REDACTED] WHO HAD JUST SPOKEN WITH [REDACTED], WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD ONE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT LOCATED. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED THAT HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE EVENING OF MAY 14, 1976, BY [REDACTED]

ON MAY 15, 1976, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT BANKS PERSONALLY AND BELIEVES THAT BANKS IS PRESENTLY OUT OF TOWN. HE STATED THAT HIS "DEAL" WITH BANKS, ET AL, HAS NOT BEEN VERY PRODUCTIVE

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AS THEY HAVE NOT PRODUCED MANY SUBJECTS OF OUTSTANDING  
WARRANTS.

THE ABOVE IS FURNISHED FOR THE INFORMATION OF  
FBIHQ AND RECIPIENTS AS INDICATIVE OF THE INDIAN SITUATION  
IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. ANY DISCUSSION CONCERNING THIS  
MATTER SHOULD BE MOST DISCREET.

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NITEL MAY 27, 1976

SENT 4:46AM MAY 28, 1976DKS

TO: DIRECTOR  
MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)  
RAPID CITY (70-10239)  
SEATTLE (88-9066)

FROM: PORTLAND (88-7637) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE SEATTLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES, CAPTIONED AS,  
ABOVE, DATED MAY 25, 1976.

ON MAY 26, 1976, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY (ADA) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (MCDA), PORTLAND,  
OREGON, ADVISED THAT BANKS HAD PROBABLY NOT DEPARTED OREGON AS PRE-  
VIOUSLY THOUGHT.

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FOR INFORMATION, ADA [REDACTED] ADVISED OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR JUNE 2 1976  
EXTRADITION OF SUBJECT TO SOUTH DAKOTA RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
SALEM, OREGON, MAY 5, 1976. ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR BANKS' DEFENSE  
TO FILE BRIEF IN EXTRADITION MATTER BY MAY 21, 1976. SOUTH DAKOTA  
AUTHORITIES GIVEN UNTIL MAY 28, 1976, TO FILE BRIEF. IN LETTER TO  
ALL PARTIES, GOVERNOR OF OREGON ADVISED DECISION FORTHCOMING ON OR  
BEFORE JUNE 7, 1976, UNLESS ANY PARTY REQUESTS ADDITIONAL TIME.

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FOR INFORMATION OF SEATTLE, ON MAY 26, 1977, MP T-1, A  
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMA-  
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SUBJECT PLANNED TO BE UTILIZED 1975 1000 WINTERHOLE

WITH [REDACTED] PLATE [REDACTED] WHILE IN CANADA.

AS FEDERAL INDICTMENT AGAINST BANKS IN DISTRICT OF OREGON DISMISSED, NO TRAVEL CONDITIONS EXIST FOR SUBJECT FEDERALLY; ALSO, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY [REDACTED] MULTNOMAH COUNTY, PORTLAND, OREGON, ADVISED THAT NO STATE COURT RESTRICTIONS IN EXISTENCE REGARDING BANKS' RELEASE PENDING GOVERNOR'S DECISION REGARDING EXTRADITION TO SOUTH DAKOTA.

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED SEATTLE DIVISION FOR INFORMATION IN CASE SUBJECT SHOULD RE-ENTER UNITED STATES THROUGH WASHINGTON.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

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SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY (ADA) [REDACTED] MAY 21, 1976, REVEALED CONDITIONS ON SUBJECT'S RELEASE INCLUDED CONDITION THAT HE COULD ONLY LEAVE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANDLING HIS VARIOUS LEGAL MATTERS.

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ADA [REDACTED] DESIRES TO ORDER HEARING ON WITNESS MAY 24, 1976 OR MAY 25, 1976, TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT IN VIOLATION OF DECRET. ADA [REDACTED] REQUESTS PUBLIC INFORMATION INDICATING THAT SUBJECT PRESENTLY IN CANADA. IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED THAT SEATTLE AND BUTTE DIVISIONS CONTACT APPROPRIATE SOURCES, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF NEWS ARTICLES APPEAR IN CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS STATING THAT BANKS WAS IN CANADA TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO BUTTE MT BUTTE, MONTANA, CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL, [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE IF BANKS REGISTERED MAC LEOD HOTEL, FORT MAC LEOD, ALBERTA, AND REQUEST [REDACTED] TO PROVIDE PORTLAND WITH COPY OF SUBJECT'S HOTEL REGISTRATION.

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~~ARMED~~ REURTEL 5-21-76. ABOVE FOR YOUR INFORMATION.  
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TO: DIRECTOR

MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)

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SAN FRANCISCO (88-15843)

SEATTLE

FROM: PORTLAND (88-7637) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM, OO:MINNEAPOLIS.

ON JUNE 9, 1976, OREGON GOVERNOR ROBERT STRAUB ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS DISCONTINUING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE EXTRADITION OF DENNIS JAMES BANKS TO SOUTH DAKOTA BECAUSE THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) LEADER WAS IN CALIFORNIA.

A SOURCE ADVISED ON MAY 22, 1975, THAT THE AIM WAS FORMED IN 1968 AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, A CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION WITH STATED GOALS TO SECURE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO ELIMINATE THE DESTRUCTIVE TENDENCIES OF CHRISTIANITY, WHITE-ORIENTED EDUCATION, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM INDIAN LIFE, ALONG WITH THE YOKE OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA).

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Dept. of Interior, 155, Law, CCS, Enforcement, USSS, 720, 54, JUN 25 1976

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ALL AIM CHAPTERS, LEADERS AND MEMBERS ARE NOT CONSIDERED VIOLENCE-PRONE; HOWEVER, AIM MEMBERS LED BY VARIOUS VIOLENCE-PRONE LEADERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE TAKEOVER OF THE BIA BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C. IN NOVEMBER, 1972, AND PARTICIPATED IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHICH RESULTED IN VIOLENCE AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA; THE RAPID CITY - CUSTER AREA OF SOUTH DAKOTA; THE OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, BY FORCE OF ARMS FROM FEBRUARY 27, 1973, THROUGH MAY 8, 1973. SINCE THAT TIME, AIM LEADERS, MEMBERS, AND SUPPORTERS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS CONFRONTATIONS WITH LOCAL AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE KILLING OF A DEPUTY SHERIFF IN ARIZONA, THE SEVERE BEATING OF TWO POLICE OFFICERS IN SOUTH DAKOTA, AND EXTENSIVELY DAMAGING A COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA. OTHER INCIDENTS WHICH AIM HAS BEEN A PARTY TO INCLUDED THE TAKEOVER OF THE ALEXIAN BROTHERS NOVITIATE, GRESHAM, WISCONSIN; THE FAIRCHILD PLANT, SHIPROCK, NEW MEXICO; AND A PORK PLANT IN WAGNER, SOUTH DAKOTA, ALL OCCURRING IN EARLY 1975.

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TWO FBI AGENTS WERE AMBUSED AND SLAIN BY INDIANS ON JUNE 26, 1973, ON THE PINE RIDGE, SOUTH DAKOTA, INDIAN RESERVATION. ON NOVEMBER 25, 1975, FOUR INDIANS WERE INDICTED BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF THE AGENTS. SOURCES ADVISED ON DECEMBER 9, 1975, THAT ALL FOUR INDICTED INDIANS ARE MEMBERS OF THE AIM.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HELD BY GOVERNOR STRAUB ON JUNE 9, 1976, HE STATED THAT IT WAS CLEAR DENNIS BANKS CHOOSE TO TAKE RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA SO ANY APPEARANCE HERE WOULD BE MOMENTARY, IF THAT. STRAUB FURTHER SAID THAT FRIENDS OF BANKS ADVISED HIM "INFORMALLY" THAT BANKS WOULD REMAIN IN CALIFORNIA WHERE GOVERNOR EDMUND J. (JERRY) BROWN ALSO HAS EXTRADITION PAPERS FROM SOUTH DAKOTA BEFORE HIM. STRAUB ALSO STATED THAT HE WROTE TO THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH DAKOTA ASKING WHETHER HE, STRAUB, SHOULD RETURN THE EXTRADITION PAPERS OR KEEP THEM IN CASE BANKS RETURNS. STRAUB DID NOT SAY UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES, IF ANY, HE

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WOULD REOPEN DELIBERATIONS ON THE EXTRADITION.

ON JUNE 10, 1976, AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN "THE OREGONIAN", A PORTLAND DAILY NEWSPAPER, WHICH STATED THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD SAID THAT BANKS HAD LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT (MCCC). HOWEVER, BANKS MUST RETURN TO FACE THE COURT BY JUNE 15, 1976. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT JUDGE PATRICK DOOLEY HAD ORDERED BANKS HELD ON A FUGITIVE'S WARRANT FROM SOUTH DAKOTA AND THEN HAD RELEASED HIM ON \$10,000 BAIL.

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RE PORTLAND TELETYPE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, DATED MAY 27, 1976.

ON JUNE 9, 1976, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY (ADA)

[REDACTED] MULTNOMAH COUNTY DA'S OFFICE, WHO WAS HANDLING SUBJECT'S EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS IN OREGON, ADVISED HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GOVERNOR STRAUB'S OFFICE, SALEM, OREGON, AND HAD ADVISED GOVERNOR'S STAFF

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THAT ALTHOUGH GOVERNOR HAD SUSPENDED CONSIDERATION ON EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS, HE WOULD NOT CONSIDER THAT FACT A CONDONEMENT OF THE SUBJECT NOT APPEARING IN MCCC, JUNE 15, 1976, FOR SCHEDULED HEARING. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IF SUBJECT FAILED TO APPEAR HE WOULD REQUEST A FAILURE TO APPEAR WARRANT TO BE ISSUED WHICH, IN OREGON, IS CLASS C FELONY. HOWEVER, ON JUNE 10, 1976, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT IN FURTHER CONTACT WITH GOVERNOR STRAUB'S OFFICE, HE DETERMINED THAT EVEN IF BANKS FAILED TO APPEAR ON JUNE 15, 1976, GOVERNOR STRAUB WOULD MAKE NO DECISION, AND IT WAS NOW [REDACTED] OPINION THAT PRESIDING MCCC JUDGE WOULD DISMISS WARRANT AGAINST BANKS.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY OF RECORD, PORTLAND, OREGON, ATTORNEY INDICATED BANKS WOULD APPEAR AT PORTLAND ON JUNE 15, 1976.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT PORTLAND.

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2:40 PM NITEL 6/17/76 PXG

TO DIRECTOR (88-62638)

MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)

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PORTLAND (88-7637)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (126-79338)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM, ~~OO MINNEAPOLIS~~

ON JUNE 17, 1976, BANKS POSTED \$10,000 BAIL BEFORE MINICIPAL COURT JUDGE MARY PAJALICH, SAN FRANCISCO; HIS HEARING ON EXTRADITION TO SOUTH DAKOTA WAS POSTPONED TO JULY 19, 1976.  
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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 4th reached my desk after, I am told, you had attempted to call me while in Washington. I regret I did not have the opportunity to talk to you and would welcome your call should you find it convenient to telephone me from Independence. I just returned to my office yesterday from Kansas City and am not sure when I will next be in that area.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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NOTE: [redacted] per [redacted] in Senator Symington's office. [redacted] contacted the Director's office at approximately noon on 6/7/76 and was referred to SA [redacted] in the Correspondence and Tours Section. At that time, his letter of June 4th had not been received by the Director's office. [redacted] was advised that a reply from the Director would be forthcoming. Following receipt of his letter and the Director's notation that he would speak with [redacted] efforts were made to locate him through his office in Independence, which advised that [redacted] was expected to travel to Ohio on the afternoon of 6/8, and through [redacted] When contacted, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had already left and he was not sure of his whereabouts. [redacted] advised he would attempt to contact [redacted] and advise him of the Director's interest in speaking to him. This letter is to acknowledge receipt of [redacted] letter and to inform him of the Director's willingness to speak to him should [redacted] be unable to contact him.

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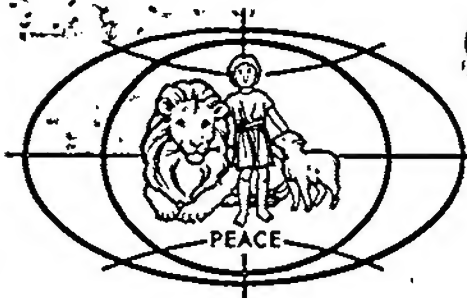
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REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE APOSTLES  
CENTRAL PROFESSIONAL BLDG.  
221 WEST LEXINGTON  
BOX 1059  
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI 64051  
TELEPHONE 816/833-1000

June 4, 1976

Mr. Clarence M. Kelly, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Director:

Last Saturday I had an opportunity to get acquainted with Mr. Dennis Banks, the American Indian Movement leader. He expressed a keen interest in meeting with you to explore ways to reduce the tensions between A.I.M. and the F.B.I. Since I felt that he was sincere in seeking such a meeting and that some good results might possibly accrue, I agreed to assist Mr. Banks in attempting to arrange such a meeting. If possible I would like to meet with you on Monday or Tuesday, June 7 or 8, in Washington to discuss the matter. [redacted] of Senator Symington's office suggested this direct approach.

To introduce myself, I am the [redacted] of Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa. I now serve as one of the general officers (Apostle) in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with general offices in Independence, Missouri. As a part of my responsibilities I supervise the work of our church among American Indians (U.S. and Canada). It was during the course of this work that I became acquainted with Dennis Banks. I am well known to [redacted] Senator Young of North Dakota, and Senator Dick Clark of Iowa.

During our conversations I became impressed with the sincerity of Mr. Banks. Knowing something of the long and complicated history of abrasive interaction between whites and Indians, I recognize the monumental task of reducing the tensions. What gave me some hope for a little progress was Mr. Banks' guarded respect for you personally which may give some basis for enough trust that some positive steps can be made. I also felt that some voluntary go-between, not aligned with either the government or the American Indian Movement, may help in the communications necessary to establish the right environment for the meeting. Right in this case being that which would be mutually agreeable to you and Mr. Banks.

I will call your office on Monday, June 7, to see if you can meet with you. If you

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I will talk with [redacted] if he calls

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelly

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June 4, 1976

wish you may contact me through [redacted] I sincerely pray that these initiatives can lead to useful diminishment of hostilities and pain.

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Sincerely yours,

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[redacted]  
Mr. Dennis Banks

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OF LATTER DAY SAINTS  
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June 15, 1976

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Dear [redacted]

*Dennis James Banks*

I wanted to respond to your letter of June 4 as quickly as possible but, unfortunately, cannot give you any definite response as to what I can do in an effort to try to meet with Mr. Banks.

In a matter such as this, I think it is most advisable for me to consult with the Department of Justice. As you know there are some matters pending before the courts involving Mr. Banks. I think, therefore, before I take any further steps to see what could be done in response to your overtures, I should carefully look into any implications which, although unintended, might be inferred.

I also prior to taking any further steps would like to know what would be achieved by such a meeting, particularly insofar as restoring any degree of tranquility to the situation which Mr. Banks feels needs clearing. As well you know, the FBI has no patrol jurisdiction on reservations and ours is an investigative responsibility only. In the past we have had accusations of misconduct on the part of our investigators, and this has been brought up in court and will continue to receive attention in court matters pending. I am encouraged to read in your letter that Mr. Banks has a "guarded respect" for me and certainly if there is anything I can do to alleviate any abrasiveness between us and those we serve, I do want to do so. This cannot be done, however, in a sense or manner which would imperil any pending investigation or litigation and always must be tempered with the need to remain unbiased insofar as the matters which are being investigated or tried.

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In other words, at this point I do not know whether I can meet with Mr. Banks. To give me further basis for a determination, I would like to have you inform me about the matters which Mr. Banks would discuss with me and any other information which might be helpful in arriving at a conclusion.

I do, however, sincerely appreciate your efforts and know that you are motivated only with the hope that greater peace and tranquility can be achieved. This is also my goal.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director



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DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
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10:57PM NITEL JUNE 14, 1976 JHB

TO: DIRECTOR (88-62638)

MINNEAPOLIS (88-6481)

OMAHA

RAPID CITY (73-10264)

SAN FRANCISCO (88-15843)

SEATTLE

FROM: PORTLAND (88-7667) (P)

ATTN: INTD

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS

ON JUNE 14, 1976, A KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUAL IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OF THIS TYPE ADVISED THAT DENNIS JAMES BANKS WAS PRESENT AT A BAIL HEARING, MUNICIPAL COURT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, ON JUNE 14, 1976. ON JUNE 7, 1976, BANKS' BAIL IN CALIFORNIA ON SOUTH DAKOTA CHARGES WAS RAISED FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000 AND HE WAS GIVEN UNTIL JUNE 14, 1976, TO RAISE THE ADDITIONAL BOND. DURING HIS JUNE 14TH APPEARANCE, BANKS STATED HE WAS UNABLE TO POST THE ADDITIONAL BOND REQUIRED AND HE WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. A NEW BAIL HEARING WAS SCHEDULED AT SAN FRANCISCO ON JUNE 17, 1976.

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THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) WAS FOUNDED IN MINNESOTA IN 1968 DEDICATED TO IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN. AIM LED AND PARTICIPATED IN CONFRONTATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA, AND RAPID CITY - CUSTER AREAS OF SOUTH DAKOTA. AIM LED THE TAKEOVER AND OCCUPATION OF WOUNDED KNEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN FEBRUARY - MAY, 1973.

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RE PORTLAND TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, DATED JUNE 16, 1976.

KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUAL IS [REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT (SFPD).

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ON JUNE 14, 1976, [REDACTED] MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, PORTLAND, OREGON, ADVISED THAT BANKS INCARCERATED SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND THEREFORE, WOULD BE UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT EXTRADITION HEARING, PORTLAND, OREGON, JUNE 15, 1976. [REDACTED] STATED HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE PATRICK DOOLEY REGARDING BANKS' STATUS AND [REDACTED] STATED THAT DOOLEY INFORMED HIM THAT HE



REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE APOSTLES  
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June 21, 1976

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Kelley:

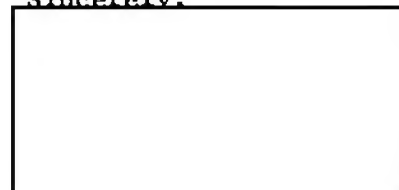
This will acknowledge your letter of June 15 to [redacted]

[redacted] is out of the office until the 29th.

I feel quite sure that you will hear from him as soon as he returns to his office.

Dennis Banks

Sincerely,



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11:36PM NITEL JULY 6, 1976 JHB

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FROM: PORTLAND (88-7637) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE PORTLAND NITEL TO FBIHQ, JULY 2, 1976.

ON JULY 2, 1976, MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE PATRICK DOOLEY, PORTLAND, OREGON, DISMISSED SOUTH DAKOTA FUGITIVE WARRANT AGAINST BANKS EVEN THOUGH BANKS FAILED TO APPEAR IN CIRCUIT COURT. REGARDING HIS FAILURE TO APPEAR, JUDGE DOOLEY ORDERED THAT BANKS FORFEIT THE \$1,000 SECURITY AMOUNT FOR BAIL IN THE CASE, ORDERED BANKS' ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] TO "SHOW CAUSE" AS TO WHY BANKS DID NOT APPEAR, AND IN TURN ORDERED THAT A WARRANT BE PREPARED AGAINST BANKS FOR HIS FAILURE TO APPEAR IN CIRCUIT COURT IN PORTLAND.

ON JULY 6, 1976, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY (ADA) [REDACTED] MULTNOMAH COUNTY, PORTLAND, OREGON, ADVISED THAT THE FAILURE TO APPEAR WARRANT ON DENNIS BANKS WILL BE FILED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT SAME DATE. THE WARRANT WILL AUTHORIZE THE IMMEDIATE

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ARREST OF BANKS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE BORDERS OF OREGON,  
BUT WILL NOT BE EXTRADICTABLE IN NATURE.

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PORTLAND WILL CONFIRM FILING OF WARRANT.

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TO: DIRECTOR (88-62638)  
MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)  
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SAN FRANCISCO (88-15843)

FROM: PORTLAND (88-7637) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, SM-AIM, DO: MINNEAPOLIS

~~RE PORTLAND NITEL TO FBIHQ, ET AL, JUNE 14, 1976.~~

ON JULY 2, 1976, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY (ADA)

[REDACTED] MULTNOMAH COUNTY, PORTLAND, OREGON,

ADVISED THAT DENNIS JAMES BANKS HAD BEEN RETURNED TO CUSTODY  
AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, JULY 1, 1976. IN CONTACT WITH

[REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT,

[REDACTED] WAS TOLD THAT IN EFFECT BANKS HAD BEEN RETURNED TO  
CUSTODY BY HIS ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] BECAUSE HE [REDACTED]  
ALLEGED AN INDIAN COUPLE, WHO HAD POSTED THEIR BANK PASSBOOK  
AS PART OF THE \$5,000 BAIL SET FOR BANKS' RELEASE AT SAN  
FRANCISCO, HAD REQUESTED THEIR PASSBOOK BE RETURNED. THEREFORE,  
THE BAIL ON BANKS WOULD HAVE TO BE FORFEITED AND BANKS RETURNED  
TO JAIL.

ADA [REDACTED] STATED HE ALSO ASCERTAINED THE FOLLOWING



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FROM [REDACTED]

ON JULY 1, 1976, [REDACTED] PRESENTED A REQUEST TO THE COURT AT SAN FRANCISCO THAT BANKS BE RELEASED ON HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE SO THAT HE COULD APPEAR IN CIRCUIT COURT, PORTLAND, OREGON, JULY 2, 1976, AT 2:00 P.M., AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. THE COURT APPROVED THIS REQUEST. HE THEN TOOK THE APPROVED REQUEST TO BANKS FOR HIS SIGNATURE IN RESULTING RELEASE. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHO WAS PRESENT, REFUSED TO ALLOW BANKS TO SIGN THIS REQUEST AND WENT DIRECTLY TO THE SAN FRANCISCO JUDGE WHO HAD GIVEN IT HER APPROVAL. IT APPEARS [REDACTED] ALLEGED TO THE JUDGE THAT NUMEROUS THREATS OF PERSONAL INJURY HAD BEEN LEVIED AT BANKS AND HIS RELEASE COULD LEAD TO HIS BEING HARMED. THERE WAS NO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PRESENT WHEN [REDACTED] SPOKE TO THE JUDGE. AS A RESULT, THE JUDGE REVERSED HER DECISION.

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ADA [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT AT PREVIOUS HEARINGS IN PORTLAND, OREGON, BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE PATRICK DOOLEY, JUDGE DOOLEY HAS STATED THAT IF OREGON GOVERNOR ROBERT STRAUB DOES NOT SIGN OR ISSUE AN ORDER OF ARREST ON BANKS BY JULY 2, 1976,

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THE DATE OF HIS SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, HE WILL DISMISS  
THE SOUTH DAKOTA FUGITIVE COMPLAINT WHETHER BANKS IS PRESENT  
OR NOT. SHOULD JUDGE DOOLEY DO THIS, HE [ ] WILL  
REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE HEARING REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF  
BANKS' RE-ARREST IN SAN FRANCISCO, JULY 1, 1976, AND THE FIRST  
WITNESS THAT HE WILL CALL WILL BE [ ]

~~PORTLAND AT PORTLAND WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT RESULTS OF  
HEARING.~~

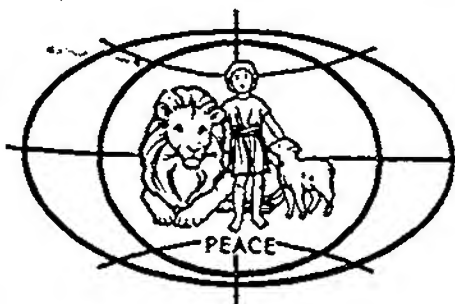
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TELEPHONE 814/833-1000

June 30, 1976

Mr. Clarence M. Kelly, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelly:

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Your letter of June 15, 1976 was waiting for me when I returned to the office.  
Thank you very much for your considerate reply.

DENNIS O  
I will be in touch with Mr. Banks concerning the matters he would want to discuss  
with you. We can well understand the sensitivities and complexities of our request  
and are very grateful for your willingness to discuss the possibilities.

When I have further contact with Mr. Banks I will get back in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]

cc: Mr. Dennis Banks

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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10:42PM NITEL JULY 7, 1976 JHB

TO: DIRECTOR (88-62638)

MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)

RAPID CITY (70-10234)

SAN FRANCISCO (88-15843)

FROM: PORTLAND (88-7637) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS; EM - AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

RE PORTLAND NITEL CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, DATED JULY 6,  
1976.

ON JULY 7, 1976, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY (ADA)

[REDACTED] MULTNOMAH COUNTY, PORTLAND, OREGON,

ADVISED THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE PATRICK  
DOOLEY, PORTLAND, OREGON, ISSUED BENCH WARRANT JULY 7,  
1976, CHARGING BANKS WITH CONTEMPT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR  
IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ON JULY 2, 1976.

ADA [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THIS WARRANT IS NOT EXTRA-  
DITABLE OUTSIDE THE STATE OF OREGON.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT PORTLAND.

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REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER

THE COUNCIL OF  
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221 WEST LEXINGT  
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INDEPENDENCE, MO  
TELEPHONE 314/783

July 30, 1976

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I have now had an opportunity to talk with Mr. Dennis Banks about the topics which he might want to discuss with you. His ultimate objective, of course, is to obtain justice and protection for Indians and to reduce the tensions between the members of the American Indian Movement and the F.B.I. He believes that such an objective could be advanced if communication is established between you in such a way that trust could develop. Such communication would probably need to begin with a meeting having a modest agenda and limited expectations.

Perhaps the beginning meeting, or series of meetings, could focus on a delineation of the role of the F.B.I. on reservations. You referred in your letter to the F.B.I. having "no patrol jurisdiction on reservations.... an investigative responsibility only." If Mr. Banks and the others in A.I.M. could be helped to understand in reasonable detail the meaning of your statement, in the context of their experience, expectations would be clarified and the actions they observe better understood.

A second topic to be treated at some time might be the means of briefing or sensitizing the F.B.I. personnel operating on or near reservations with the unique problems which exist between mixed bloods and full bloods on reservations. I understand that such problems do exist and we who are white often make matters worse than they need to be through lack of understanding. If agents were aware of these sensitivities they could do much to reduce hostilities by giving attention to the manner in which they do their jobs.

Third, another topic of discussion would be the formation of a non-law enforcement group which might go into tense situations to discover the nature of the root problems. If this could be done before the application of force, some problems could be handled before force is needed and/or may be diminished so that only minimal force is required.

In the first meeting it may be enough that you and Mr. Banks establish a communication link. I think we all understand something of the complexities of the problem with which we are dealing. The stakes are sufficiently high, however, that the effort and risk seem worthwhile.

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Clarence M. Kell  
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July 30, 1976

~~I will be in Pennsylvania during the week of August 2 to 6 and will call your office after you receive this letter and see if there is need or opportunity for me to visit you in Washington and discuss the matter further. Even if the agenda is acceptable the matter of when and where to meet and under what conditions is of considerable importance.~~

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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WORLD HEADQUARTERS THE AUDITORIUM INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI 64061

FBI

Date: 6/24/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)  
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-846) (P)  
SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
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RemPAirtel and LHM to Bureau, 3/31/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed for San Francisco and Portland are two copies each of LHM.

Attached for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-376.

Minneapolis will make local dissemination to U.S. Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota, via FD-376.

Administrative:

Per airtel from Director to SAC, Albany, 4/28/76, captioned Attorney General's Guidelines for FBI, Information - Gathering and Retention Policies, Domestic Security Investigations, Minneapolis is not submitting an LHM to justify continuation of full investigation of BANKS as this is being done when LHM is submitted justifying continued full investigation of the American Indian Movement.

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MP 157-846

As July 4, 1976, approaches and the informant information and rumors increase regarding the activities of AIM and other militant organizations, it should be pointed out to both Portland and San Francisco that DENNIS JAMES BANKS, National Executive Director for the AIM, in the past, has appeared either at or in the vicinity of confrontations between AIM and law enforcement agencies. Examples are Custer, South Dakota Courthouse riots 2/73; Wounded Knee, South Dakota Takeover, 2/73; RESMURS, 6/75, and Mt. Rushmore bombing 6/75. Thusly, BANKS' activities and whereabouts becomes increasingly significant.

Minneapolis is aware that it is improbable BANKS would return to South Dakota where a confrontation is possible; further, his extradition to South Dakota carries a certain amount of threat. Nevertheless, past experience has shown BANKS' ability to be where the action is and in spite of his legal entanglements, Minneapolis considers BANKS a threat.

MP T-1 is [redacted] (per request), [redacted]  
[redacted] Bureau see San Francisco airtel to  
Director, 4/16/76, captioned "AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT" (AIM);  
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IN VIEW OF PAST ACITIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

LEADS

PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Follow and report extremist activities of BANKS, in event he returns Portland. Provide Minneapolis with most recent photograph of BANKS available.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

1. Follow and report extremist activities of BANKS.

MP 157-846

2. Report results of investigation conducted as result of information provided by MP T-1 in enclosed LHM. Also advise if BANKS' residence is relocated in your division. Provide Minneapolis with most recent photograph of BANKS available.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 24, 1976

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service , Minneapolis, Minnesota

Enclosure(s) (1)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

June 24, 1976

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

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The United States Attorney's Office, Portland, Oregon, advised the court the government would not be prepared to prosecute this matter until the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals had rendered a decision regarding a ruling by this Court suppressing evidence, seven cases of dynamite, seized in this matter. However, the Court dismissed the indictment against the defendants with prejudice stating that the delay in bringing this matter to trial was clearly the fault of the government. Thereafter, all defendants were released from the conditions of their bonds.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

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Activities

On April 15, 1976, MP T-1, with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine reliability, advised

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On May 20, 1976, MP T-2, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised Dennis James Banks, [REDACTED] is currently staying at the Mac Leod Motel, Fort Mac Leod, Alberta, Canada, with [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 24, 1976

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-846

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2:50 P M NITEL JULY 2, 1976 LJS

TO: DIRECTOR (88-62668)  
MINNEAPOLIS (157-846)  
RAPID CITY (70-10234)

SAN FRANCISCO (88-15843)

FROM: PORTLAND (88-7637) (P)

DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EN-AIM, 20:MINNEAPOLIS

RE PORTLAND NITEL TO FBIHQ, ET AL, JUNE 14, 1976.

ON JULY 2, 1976, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY (ADA)

[REDACTED] MULTNOMAH COUNTY, PORTLAND, OREGON,

ADVISED THAT DENNIS JAMES BANKS HAD BEEN RETURNED TO CUSTODY  
AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, JULY 1, 1976. IN CONTACT WITH

[REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT,

[REDACTED] WAS TOLD THAT IN EFFECT BANKS HAD BEEN RETURNED TO

CUSTODY BY HIS ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] BECAUSE HE [REDACTED]

ALLEGED AN INDIAN COUPLE, WHO HAD POSTED THEIR BANK PASSBOOK

AS PART OF THE \$5,000 BAIL SET FOR BANKS' RELEASE AT SAN

FRANCISCO, HAD REQUESTED THEIR PASSBOOK BE RETURNED. THEREFORE,

THE BAIL ON BANKS WOULD HAVE TO BE FORFEITED AND BANKS RETURNED

TO JAIL.

ADA [REDACTED] STATED HE ALSO ASCERTAINED THE FOLLOWING

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FROM [REDACTED]

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ON JULY 1, 1976, [REDACTED] PRESENTED A REQUEST TO THE COURT AT SAN FRANCISCO THAT BANKS BE RELEASED ON HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE SO THAT HE COULD APPEAR IN CIRCUIT COURT, PORTLAND, OREGON, JULY 2, 1976, AT 2:00 P.M., AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. THE COURT APPROVED THIS REQUEST. HE THEN TOOK THE APPROVED REQUEST TO BANKS FOR HIS SIGNATURE IN RESULTING RELEASE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WAS PRESENT, REFUSED TO ALLOW BANKS TO SIGN THIS REQUEST AND WENT DIRECTLY TO THE SAN FRANCISCO JUDGE WHO HAD GIVEN IT HER APPROVAL. IT APPEARS [REDACTED] ALLEGED TO THE JUDGE THAT NUMEROUS THREATS OF PERSONAL INJURY HAD BEEN LEVIED AT BANKS AND HIS RELEASE COULD LEAD TO HIS BEING HARMED. THERE WAS NO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PRESENT WHEN [REDACTED] SPOKE TO THE JUDGE. AS A RESULT, THE JUDGE REVERSED HER DECISION.

ADA [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT AT PREVIOUS HEARINGS IN PORTLAND, OREGON, BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE PATRICK DOOLEY, JUDGE DOOLEY HAS STATED THAT IF OREGON GOVERNOR ROBERT STRAUB DOES NOT SIGN OR ISSUE AN ORDER OF ARREST ON BANKS BY JULY 2, 1976,

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THE DATE OF HIS SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, HE WILL DISMISS  
THE SOUTH DAKOTA FUGITIVE COMPLAINT WHETHER BANKS IS PRESENT  
OR NOT. SHOULD JUDGE DOOLEY DO THIS, HE [REDACTED] WILL  
REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE HEARING REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF  
BANKS' RE-ARREST IN SAN FRANCISCO, JULY 1, 1976, AND THE FIRST  
WITNESS THAT HE WILL CALL WILL BE [REDACTED]

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PORTLAND AT PORTLAND. WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT RESULTS OF  
HEARING.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 157-29309)

DATE: 8/24/76

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (157-846)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIMThe captioned individual has been the subject of a security or extremist investigation by this office. The  
**Sacramento**Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The **Sacramento** Division is being considered the new Office of Origin.Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address,  
Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.

Residence address

644 Alvarado, Apt. 244  
Davis, California

## Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number

Responsibility

## Identification Division Data

Check OR note the following applicable statements:

- ☒ A security flash on subject has been PREVIOUSLY placed in FBI # 118 417 D; therefore, copy of this form is designated for Identification Division.
- ☐ A security flash on subject has been PREVIOUSLY placed in Identification Division; however, FBI number is NOT KNOWN. The following information, therefore, is being furnished and a copy of this form is designated for Identification Division.

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Other Identifying Numbers:

Date and Place of Birth:

Fingerprint Classification:

NOTE: Do NOT designate COPY of FD-128 for Identification Division if FD-165 previously RETURNED to field office because no fingerprints located on subject.

## Check the following applicable statements:

- ☐ This individual is the subject of an ADEX Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the ADEX at FBIHQ. The EX-108 Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ Subject is designated a Key Black Extremist.
- ☐ Subject is designated a Key Activist.
- ☒ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☒ Subject is included in the Extremist Photograph Album (EPA). The new Office of Origin should submit a new complete FD-432 showing the new address and Office of Origin of subject.
- ☒ Dissemination made Secret Service locally re above information. (Two copies of FD-366 enclosed for the Bureau)

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The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☐ ADEX Cards
- ☒ Serials (specify) **See attached**
- ☒ Designated Office of Origin in receipt of all pertinent serials
- ☒ 2 copies of FD-366 (1 copy for dissemination to local Secret Service)
- ☒ Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
- ☒ Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph
- ☐ None available
- ☐ Previously furnished

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1 - Minneapolis

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Following are serials being forwarded to  
new Office of Origin in this case:

MPlet to Charlotte, WASHRIP, 1/10/73  
BTlet and LHM to Bureau, threatened demonstration,  
Pocatello H.S., Pocatello, Idaho, 1/18/73  
MPmemo from correlation clerk, 1/5/72  
MPrep of SA [REDACTED] 5/15/73  
MPairtel and LHM "AIM-FUNDING", 7/23/73  
MPlet and LHM to Bureau "DENNIS JAMES BANKS" 7/25/73  
MPairtel and LHM "DENNIS JAMES BANKS", 8/7/73  
MPrep of SA [REDACTED] "DENNIS JAMES BANKS", 9/17/73  
MPlet and LHM, "DENNIS JAMES BANKS", 9/26/73  
CGlet to Bureau with LHM, 9/11/73  
LAlet and LHM to Bureau, 9/10/73  
MPairtel and LHM to Bureau, 12/26/73  
LAairtel and LHM to Bureau, 12/19/73  
OMlet and LHM to Bureau, 3/18/74  
MPrep of SA [REDACTED] 4/18/74  
MPairtel and LHM to Bureau, 6/12/74  
MPrep of SA [REDACTED] 6/14/74  
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MP FD-306 dated 3/21/75  
MPlet and LHM to Bureau, 4/21/75  
MPlet and LHM to Bureau, 7/2/75  
MPrep of SA [REDACTED] 9/29/75  
MPairtel and LHM to Bureau, 3/31/76  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

August 24, 1976

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS

CHARACTER: EXTREMIST MATTER

REFERENCE: Federal Bureau of Investigation memorandum  
at Minneapolis dated June 24, 1976.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 644-Alvarado, Apartment 244  
Davis, California

Employment:

157-29309-119

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-4159) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: SC

DATE: 9/24/76

Re Minneapolis FD-128, 8/24/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies, for San Francisco two copies, and for Minneapolis one copy of LHM, dated and captioned as above.

One copy of LHM is being designated for U.S. Secret Service, Sacramento, with FD-376 attached thereto.

By referenced FD-128, Sacramento was designated OO in this matter relating to captioned subject.

SC T-1 utilized in LHM is

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## LEADS:

### SAN FRANCISCO:

#### AT SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA:

Will follow and report any extremist activities on the part of BANKS and results of hearing scheduled for 11/15/76, regarding his extradition to South Dakota.

### SACRAMENTO:

#### AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA:

Will continue to follow activities of BANKS.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (RM)  
2 - San Francisco (88-15843) (Enc. 2) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 24, 1976

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United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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U. S. Secret Service, Sacramento

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Sources whose identities are concealed  
herein have furnished reliable informa-  
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noted.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

"A judge in San Francisco Thursday reduced bail for American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks to \$2,500 and postponed until Nov. 15 a hearing on whether he would be extradited to South Dakota to face armed riot and assault charges. Municipal Judge Mary Moran Pajalich said she was told Monday by the office of Gov. Brown that he had been busy with legislative matters and had not acted on an extradition warrant from South Dakota. The judge denied a request by Banks' attorney, Dennis Roberts, to cancel completely the \$5,500 bond on grounds the Indian leader, who is out on bail, had shown up for all court hearings. Banks, accompanied to court by several Indian associates, said he planned to start teaching tribal law and Indian philosophy Sept. 30 at DQ University, near Davis."

Deganawidah Quetzalcoatl University (DQU) is an Indian educational institution which is located on property formerly occupied by a U.S. Army communications facility. This property was seized by a band of militant Indians in November, 1970, having been abandoned by the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare subsequently provided funding enabling a so-called university to be established.

Activities

On September 17, 1976, SC T-1, who has knowledge [redacted]

[redacted] that captioned subject had apparently received an appointment as an instructor or assistant professor at DQU, commencing in the fall, 1976, and would be living somewhere in the vicinity of Davis or Woodland, California.

On the same date, inquiry of the manager at 644 Alvarado Avenue, Davis, revealed that [redacted] at that address from July 1, 1976 until August 31, 1976. Banks left a forwarding address of Box 409, Davis, California, c/o DQU.

It is noted that previous investigation concerning AIM has determined that Box 409 is assigned to DQU.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

The above inquiry further determined that Banks and his wife were quite friendly with an unknown female who worked in the administrative office of DQU and resided in an apartment complex at [REDACTED]. Upon leaving 644 Alvarado Avenue, Banks stated he intended to assume the position of a teacher at DQU for the forthcoming year. Banks also expressed the intention to hold some sort of benefit in the city of Davis to raise funds for student scholarships at DQU since federal monies had not yet been received for that purpose. Banks claimed that possibly the well-known entertainer, Harry Belafonte, might appear in support of this benefit.

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On September 17, 1976, inquiry of the manager at the apartment complex at [REDACTED] advised that Dennis Banks and his wife were frequent visitors to Apt. [REDACTED] at that address, which was being rented by [REDACTED]

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who is an employee of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This individual recently moved to Apt. [REDACTED] at the same address, which she has leased from September 1, 1976 to August 31, 1977. Two other individuals also reside with [REDACTED] whose names are [REDACTED]

On the same date, contact with the UCD Police Department failed to reveal any current information regarding Dennis Banks or any knowledge of a possible forthcoming benefit to be held in the Davis area in support of DQU.

**ARMED AND DANGEROUS**

### AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

A source advised on May 22, 1975, that the AIM was formed in 1968 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, as a civil rights organization with stated goals to secure Indian self-determination and to eliminate the destructive tendencies of Christianity, white-oriented education and the Federal Government from Indian life, along with the yoke of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

All AIM chapters, leaders and members are not considered violence-prone; however, AIM members led by various violence-prone leaders have participated in the takeover of the BIA Building, Washington, D. C., in November, 1972, and participated in confrontations with local authorities which resulted in violence at Scottsbluff, Nebraska; the Rapid City - Custer area of South Dakota; the Occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms from February 27, 1973, through May 8, 1973. Since that time, AIM leaders, members and supporters have also been involved in numerous confrontations with local and Federal authorities, including the killing of a deputy sheriff in Arizona, the severe beating of two police officers in South Dakota, and extensively damaging a county courthouse at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Other incidents which AIM has been a party to included the takeover of the Alexian Brothers Novitiate, Gresham, Wisconsin; the Fairchild Plant, Shiprock, New Mexico; and a Pork Plant in Wagner, South Dakota, all occurring in early 1975.

Two FBI Agents were ambushed and slain by Indians on June 26, 1975, on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation. On November 25, 1975, four Indians were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Rapid City, South Dakota, in connection with the murder of the Agents. Sources advised on December 9, 1975, that all four indicted Indians are members of the AIM.

SAC, Sacramento (157-4159)

November 4, 1976

Director, FBI

DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM

ReSC letter and LHM 10/19/76 which LHM was to advise the Department of Justice of the justification for a continued full investigation of subject.

Referenced LHM is not being disseminated by FBIHQ for the following reasons:

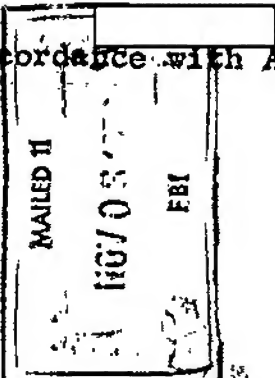
On page two, there is no connection shown between the killing of two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation and the subject. It should be shown that subject's indictment at Portland, Oregon, on 12/22/75 was in connection with RESMURS fugitive [redacted]

The statement at the end of the last full paragraph on page two that the specific acts of force and violence associated with Banks have been documented by the news media is not acceptable. It is the responsibility of the FBI to document properly the basis for an investigation. The Investigations Review Unit of the Department of Justice cannot be expected to consult the news media to obtain the basis for an investigation. Accordingly, Sacramento should submit an amended LHM adequately and completely documenting Banks' involvement in acts of force and violence.

- 1 - Minneapolis (157-846)
- 1 - San Francisco (88-15843)

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NOTE: [redacted] instructions relating to submission of LHM in accordance with Attorney General guidelines).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-4159) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: SC

DATE: 10/19/76

ReBuairtel to Minneapolis, 9/20/76, enclosing for Minneapolis and interested offices a copy of the Attorney General's memorandum to the Director, FBI, dated 9/14/76, captioned "American Indian Movement", and SClet and LHM to Bureau, 9/24/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Minneapolis and San Francisco one copy each of LHM setting forth justification for continued full investigation of subject BANKS.

SC T-1 is

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## LEADS:

### SACRAMENTO:

#### AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Sacramento, California  
October 19, 1976

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

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ENCLOSURE

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✓ On September 29, 1976, in an attempt to interview Banks concerning a criminal matter, inquiry was made at 1905 Anderson Court, Davis, which inquiry received a response that Banks was expected to return to that address at approximately 3:00 p.m. on the same date.

Activities

Banks has been associated with the following AIM activities:

Takeover of the BIA Building, Washington, D.C., in November, 1972

Occupation of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by force of arms from February 27, 1973 - May 8, 1973

Two FBI Agents were ambushed and slain by Indians on June 26, 1975, on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota Indian Reservation. Four Indians were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Rapid City, South Dakota, and all four are members of AIM.

On December 22, 1975, Banks and others were indicted by Federal Grand Jury, Portland, Oregon, on four counts of violations of the National Firearms Act and one count of being a convicted felon in possession of a weapon. The specific acts of force and violence associated with Banks have been documented by the news media.

Physical Description

Subject is described as follows:



DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Race:	American Indian
Sex:	Male
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Weight:	170 pounds
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Eyes:	Brown
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Military #:	
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IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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**Memorandum**

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 11/5/76

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-4159) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: Sacramento

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Re Sacramento letter and LHM to the Bureau,  
10/19/76.

The following investigation was conducted by  
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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

On 10/20/76, Officer [redacted] University  
of California at Davis (UCD) Police Department, Davis,  
advised that records of that department failed to reflect  
any information concerning DENNIS JAMES BANKS.

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On 10/20/76, [redacted] Community  
Relations Officer, Police Department, Davis, upon being  
contacted concerning DENNIS JAMES BANKS, provided the  
following information:

[redacted] advised that his department was  
well aware of the presence of BANKS at Deganawidah  
Quetzalcoatl University (DQU). He advised that BANKS  
has been no problem to the Police Department and that  
he had an appointment with BANKS at 2:00 p.m. on that  
date.

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[redacted] stated that BANKS had agreed to  
talk with him since he was working through the California  
Aggie Christian Association and that the purpose of the  
association was to furnish a means of coordination  
and liaison with the many ethnic groups attending the  
Universities in the Davis community. He advised that

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the Davis Police Department was not aware of any vehicles being utilized by BANKS and did not know where he was residing. He stated that the appointment with BANKS was to be held at the DQU campus.

On 10/28/76, [redacted] U. S. Probation and Parol Office, Federal Building, 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, California, advised that [redacted] had directed a letter dated 10/12/76 to [redacted]

[redacted] wherein she indicated that she had changed her plans and did not intend to travel to [redacted]. She indicated in her letter that she planned to remain in the [redacted] area and requested that her [redacted]

[redacted] She indicated that she was then living with [redacted]

[redacted] She indicated that she had applied for housing at the [redacted] and that the housing authority had assured her that action would be taken on her application for housing by 10/21/76.

[redacted] advised that on that date, 10/28/76, he had just received a telephone call from a female attorney who gave her name as [redacted] indicating she was calling from San Francisco and was representing [redacted]. [redacted] advised that [redacted] stated that [redacted] was remaining in [redacted] and would not [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) had extended a grant to [redacted] to attend college.

[redacted] concluded by stating that in all probability, [redacted]

On 11/3/76, [redacted] previously mentioned, advised that in his 10/20/76 meeting with [redacted]

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BANKS, the meeting centered on a discussion of community relations programs of the Davis Police Department. He advised that BANKS had indicated that he teaches two courses a week at DQU and that it would be only on rare occasions he would travel into the city of Davis. He stated BANKS assured him the Davis Police Department would have his complete cooperation, that there was no drugs, firearms or excessive alcohol at DQU and that he was welcome to monitor classes or Indian community-type functions at DQU. BANKS claimed that he did not trust the FBI but that he would cooperate fully with the Davis Police Department and that if they had problems with Indians or the arrest of an Indian, including himself, that it would only require a telephone call and that person would present himself to the Davis Police Department.

[redacted] stated that in his contact with BANKS, he did not determine where BANKS was residing or the type of vehicle he was utilizing and was left with the impression that BANKS is residing in one of the dormitories on the campus of DQU.

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AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA. Will contact U. S. Federal Probation and Parole Officers [redacted] or [redacted] to determine whether in their contact with [redacted] whether she mentioned the plans of [redacted] the subject, as far as his returning to the South Dakota area or plans to remain in the Davis, California, area.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-79338) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM- AIM  
OO: Sacramento

Re Sacramento letter to Director, 9/24/76.

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## LEADS

### SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report results of hearing scheduled for 1/17/77.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Sacramento, California  
December 6, 1976

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(Per) [redacted] Cons./mmd 2-17-77



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SAC, Sacramento (157-4159)

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Director, FBI (157-29309)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)

*12/1* ReSClet and LHM 10/19/76, Bulet to Sacramento  
*12/4* 11/4/76 and SClet and LHM 12/6/76.

Referenced Sacramento 10/19/76 LHM was submitted as a memorandum justifying the continued full investigation of subject in view of his activities and position in AIM which is the subject of a full investigation as approved by the Attorney General.

Referenced Bureau letter pointed out that the Sacramento 10/19/76 LHM showed no connection between the killing of two FBI Agents on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota, Indian Reservation and the subject. This incident was referred to in the LHM. The paragraph following did not mention this incident but stated that subject had been indicted at Portland, Oregon, on 12/22/75 on various charges. Subject's indictment was not related in the LHM to the murder of the FBI Agents. Referenced Bureau letter specifically instructed that it should be shown that subject's indictment was in connection with RESMURS fugitive [redacted] EX-109. REC-86 157-29309-125

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Referenced Sacramento LHM 12/6/76 makes no reference to either of the above incidents. This LHM contains on pages 3 and 4 information furnished on 4/15/76

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FBIHQ files indicate that none of the information furnished by [redacted] was ever confirmed and in fact [redacted] activities were such following his contact with the FBI to indicate that [redacted] information should not be considered reliable.

This April, 1976, information is followed in the LHM by incidents occurring in 1974 and 1975.

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Letter to SAC, Sacramento  
Re: Dennis James Banks  
157-29309

The information furnished by [ ] which was not included in your 10/19/76 LHM, should not be included in an LHM documenting activities of Banks.

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As instructed in referenced Bureau letter the information showing an association between Banks and RESMURS fugitive [ ] should be included in the LHM in a manner to show this connection.

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The LHM should set forth the information in a logical and chronological sequence.

The amended LHM should be submitted promptly, within one week of the receipt of this communication.

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On May 21, 1975, Banks spoke at the ceremonies opening an AIM-sponsored "survival school" in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He stated that AIM was "joining forces with Third World groups located in Micronesia, South Africa, and South America".

On June 26, 1975, two FBI Agents were ambused and slain by Indians, while conducting an investigation on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota Indian Reservation. Four Indians were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on November 25, 1975, charged with the premeditated murders of the two FBI Agents.

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[REDACTED] was one of the four Indians charged in the above indictment. In addition to the above, [REDACTED] in November, 1972, was charged with "Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution", in connection with his attempted murder of a Milwaukee, Wisconsin police officer. [REDACTED] was a Federal Fugitive at the time the two FBI Agents were slain.

Investigation placed [REDACTED] in Seattle, Washington, in November, 1975, accompanied by Dennis James Banks. Subsequently, [REDACTED] was reported to be traveling with companions in a motor home and a Plymouth station wagon.

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On November 14, 1975, the motor home and Plymouth station wagon were stopped by Oregon State Police, Ontario, Oregon. [ ] fled from the scene of the stop, believed accompanied by another male. Four individuals were arrested at the scene, one of which was [ ]

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[ ] Investigation placed Banks in Ontario, Oregon in November, 1975, and that he was traveling with friends in the motor home.

LEGAL PROCESS

As a result of the above incident, Banks, [ ] and three other persons were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury, Portland, Oregon, on November 25, 1975. The indictment returned contained nine counts charging violation of Title 26, U. S. Code, Sections 5841, 5842, 5861(D), 5861(H) and 5871. Banks was named specifically in Count Ten, "convicted felon did wilfully possess firearms".

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On January 24, 1976, Banks was apprehended in San Francisco, California, on the above charges.

On May 12, 1976, the indictment was dismissed against Banks and the other defendants in the U. S. District Court, Portland, Oregon. The Court, in dismissing the indictment, stated the delay in bringing this matter to trial was the fault of the Government.

On November 15, 1976, Banks appeared in Municipal Court, San Francisco, California, for a hearing on his extradition to South Dakota, where he is charged with "Armed Riot and assault". The hearing was continued to January 17, 1977.

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Subject is described as follows:

Race:	American Indian
Sex:	Male
Date of birth:	April 12, 1937
Place of birth:	Federal Dam, Minnesota
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	170 pounds
Hair:	Black, long
Eyes:	Brown
Complexion:	Copper
Build:	Medium
Scars and Marks:	Tattoo, "Japan 54-57", right upper arm; "Dagger", right forearm; left arm, Social Security Account #502-28-0630", and Spade.
FBI Number:	118 417 D
Military Number:	Air Force 703-557-0251
Minneapolis Police Department Number:	47315

RECOMMENDATION

In view of subject's documented history of acts of force and violence and in view of his position of National Executive Director of AIM, continued full investigation of the activities of Banks appears warranted.

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

The Attorney General **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**  
 Attention: Office of Policy and Planning  
 Investigation Review Unit  
 Director, FBI

1-26-77

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 DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
 DS-AIM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting an investigation concerning captioned matter in accordance with the current guidelines for domestic security investigations.

Reference:

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Enclosures:

- ☒ A memorandum to notify you of  
☐ An extended preliminary investigation  
☐ A limited investigation  
☒ A full investigation

- ☐ A 90-day progress report  
☐ An annual report  
☐ Other

Request of Department:

- ☐ It is requested that you determine in writing whether continued full investigation is warranted.

- ☐ Other

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EX-109

Bureau File Number: 157-29309

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (157-29309)

FROM : *Cws* SAC SAN FRANCISCO (100-79338) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES <sup>a</sup>BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: Sacramento

DATE: 2/2/77

Re San Francisco letter to the Bureau, 12/7/76. <sup>123</sup>

*2/11*  
On 1/24/77, [ ] San Francisco Police Department Intelligence Unit, advised that BANKS appeared at Department 19, Municipal Court, San Francisco, before Judge PAJALICH on 1/17/77, for extradition hearing. However, the hearing was continued to 4/18/77, and bail continued.

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LEAD

## SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Will follow and report results of hearing scheduled for 4/18/77.

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE APOSTLES  
CENTRAL PROFESSIONAL BLDG.  
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BOX 1959  
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI 64051  
TELEPHONE 816/833-1000

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[Redacted]

March 3, 1977

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Last June and July we had some correspondence relative to possible discussions between you and Mr. Dennis Banks directed towards lessening the tensions between the F.B.I. and A.I.M. My last telephone communications indicated that you would be responding as soon as you had time to make the appropriate consultations within the government.

Since we now have a new President and Attorney General, I hope you will be able to raise the earlier question in a sympathetic climate which would lead to the discussions we hope for. To delay or ignore the inquiry tends to add to the problems of opening communication channels.

I am enclosing a copy of my July 30 letter for your ready information.

Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature block]

Enc. [Redacted]

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*Memo Adams to  
Held 5/6/77  
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July 30, 1976

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I have now had an opportunity to talk with Mr. Dennis Banks about the topics which he might want to discuss with you. His ultimate objective, of course, is to obtain justice and protection for Indians and to reduce the tensions between the members of the American Indian Movement and the F.B.I. He believes that such an objective could be advanced if communication is established between you in such a way that trust could develop. Such communication would probably need to begin with a meeting having a modest agenda and limited expectations.

Perhaps the beginning meeting, or series of meetings, could focus on a delineation of the role of the F.B.I. on reservations. You referred in your letter to the F.B.I. having "no patrol jurisdiction on reservations.... an investigative responsibility only." If Mr. Banks and the others in A.I.M. could be helped to understand in reasonable detail the meaning of your statement, in the context of their experience, expectations would be clarified and the actions they observe better understood.

A second topic to be treated at some time might be the means of briefing or sensitizing the F.B.I. personnel operating on or near reservations with the unique problems which exist between mixed bloods and full bloods on reservations. I understand that such problems do exist and we who are white often make matters worse than they need to be through lack of understanding. If agents were aware of these sensitivities they could do much to reduce hostilities by giving attention to the manner in which they do their jobs.

Third, another topic of discussion would be the formation of a non-law enforcement group which might go into tense situations to discover the nature of the root problems. If this could be done before the application of force, some problems could be handled before force is needed and/or may be diminished so that only minimal force is required.

In the first meeting it may be enough that you and Mr. Banks establish a communication link. I think we all understand something of the complexities of the problem with which we are dealing. The stakes are sufficiently high, however, that the effort and risk seem worthwhile.

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Clarence M. Kelle  
Page 2  
July 30, 1976

I will be in Pennsylvania during the week of August 2 to 6 and will call your office after you receive this letter and see if there is need or opportunity for me to visit you in Washington and discuss the matter further. Even if the agenda is acceptable the matter of when and where to meet and under what conditions is of considerable importance.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosed for you are two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. The LHM is being furnished to you for your information and for your use in the event you wish to refer to it in the course of your work. The LHM is being furnished to you for your information and for your use in the event you wish to refer to it in the course of your work. The LHM is being furnished to you for your information and for your use in the event you wish to refer to it in the course of your work.

Very truly yours,  
Clarence M. Kelle

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (157-29309)

FROM : *cutt* SAC SAN FRANCISCO (100-79338) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: Sacramento

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DATE: 4/22/77

Re San Francisco letter to Bureau, 2/2/77.

On 4/21/77, [REDACTED] Department 19, Municipal Court, San Francisco, California, advised that matter regarding BANKS was continued again until 7/19/77, and his bail continued.

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## LEAD

### SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Will follow and report results of hearing scheduled for 7/19/77.

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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  - 1 - Minneapolis (157-846) (Info.) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 4/27/77

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-4159) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: SC

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ReSClet and LHM to Bureau, 1/14/77; LAairtel to Sacramento, 4/15/77; and SFlet to Bureau, 4/22/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies, for Minneapolis one copy, and for San Francisco two copies of LHM setting forth justification for continued full investigation of subject BANKS.

SC T-1 is

SC T-2 is

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## LEADS:

### SAN FRANCISCO:

#### AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will follow and report results of extradition hearing scheduled for 7/19/77.

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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2 - San Francisco (100-79338) (Enc. 2) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Sacramento, California  
April 27, 1977

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Background

According to records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dennis James Banks was born April 12, 1937, at Federal Dam, Minnesota. He is enrolled at the Leech Lake Reservation on Roll #50 of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Basic Role. Banks' father is unknown, and his mother is listed as Annie Banks, deceased March 1, 1961.

Residence and Employment

On February 4, 1977, SC T-1, who has knowledge of

[redacted] advised that Dennis Banks continues to reside in Davis where he is one of eight considered faculty members at Deganawidah Quetzalcoatl University (DQU). His residence is the campus dormitory.

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DQU is an Indian educational institution which is located on property formerly occupied by a U.S. Army communications facility. This property was seized by a band of militant Indians in November, 1970, having been abandoned by the U.S. Army, and the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare subsequently provided funding enabling a so-called university to be established.

Activities

On January 19, 1977, the Las Vegas Office advised that Dennis Banks and other American Indian Movement (AIM) (see Appendix) leaders were then in Carson City, Nevada,

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Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

stating that the Nevada State Prison discriminates against Indian prisoners for having organized a small group called "The Tribe", which was described as merely a group of Indians practicing their religious and cultural heritage.

On February 4, 1977, SC T-1 advised that there are eight currently employed persons at DQU who act as faculty members, one of whom is Dennis Banks, a national AIM leader.

On February 15, 1977, SC T-1 advised that Dennis Banks served as the master of ceremonies at a demonstration sponsored, in part, by AIM on February 11, 1977, in front of State Capitol Building #1, Sacramento, California.

SC T-1 stated that the purpose of the demonstration was to mobilize support to fight extradition proceedings outstanding against AIM leaders, Dennis Banks and [redacted] Banks identified himself as presently employed as an instructor at DQU near Davis. He thanked the people of California for their support and petitions which have enabled him to remain free in California and away from "the assassinations in South Dakota". The demonstration was attended by approximately 300 individuals.

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On June 26, 1975, two Agents of the FBI were ambushed and slain by Indians while conducting an investigation on the Pine Ridge, South Dakota Indian reservation. Four Indians were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury on November 25, 1975, charged with the premeditated murders of the two FBI Agents.

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[redacted] was one of the four Indians charged in the above indictment.

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An article appearing in the San Joaquin Delta College (SJDC), Stockton, California, campus newspaper "Empact", dated March 25, 1977, authored by Dar Piatt, captioned "Past American Indian Movement Leader Banks Aims For Righting Wrongs To Indians", reflects that Banks spoke to SJDC students and that the theme of his message was "It's hard to be Indian."



DENNIS JAMES BANKS

The article refers to Banks as the "newly retired leader of the American Indian Movement". A paragraph in this article reads as follows:

"After retiring as head of AIM a little less than a week ago, Banks wants to concentrate on agriculture at DQU in Davis so he can come to understand more of Mother Earth. At present he is teaching Federal Indian Law at the University of California at Davis."

On April 12, 1977, SC T-2, who is familiar with AIM activities in the Los Angeles California area advised

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SC T-2 stated he did not know how long Banks planned to remain in the Los Angeles area.

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Legal Process

On January 24, 1977, [REDACTED] San Francisco, California Police Department Intelligence Unit, advised that Banks appeared at Department 19, Municipal Court, San Francisco, before Judge Pajalich on January 17, 1977, for an extradition hearing. The hearing was continued to April 18, 1977, and bail was continued.

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On April 21, 1977, [REDACTED] Department 19, Municipal Court, San Francisco, advised that the extradition matter regarding Banks was continued again until July 19, 1977, and bail for Banks was continued.

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On April 26, 1977, the "San Francisco Chronicle", a daily San Francisco newspaper, carried an article captioned "Court Orders Indian Leader Extradited". In essence, the California State Court of Appeal said that since the Governor of California "has failed or refused to perform this mandatory, ministerial duty, South Dakota's petition must be granted."

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.

FROM : *mm/jam*  
S. S. Mignosa

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
DS - AIM

1 - Mr. R. G. Held  
1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.  
1 - [redacted]

DATE: 5/5/77

1 - Mr. S. S. Mignosa  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - [redacted]

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Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose is to advise of information received from a source of unknown reliability indicating Dennis James Banks, convicted of local charges in South Dakota. [redacted]

DETAILS: Dennis James Banks, National Executive Director of the extremist American Indian Movement (AIM), was convicted on July 26, 1975, for being armed during a riot and assault with a dangerous weapon without intent to kill. Subsequently, Banks failed to appear for sentencing in Custer, South Dakota.

On May 13, 1976, Banks appeared at the Multnomah County Circuit Court, Portland, Oregon, to answer charges resulting from his failure to appear for sentencing. His bail was set at \$10,000 pending a decision by the Governor of Oregon to extradite him to South Dakota. On June 9, 1976, the Governor of Oregon announced that he was no longer considering the extradition of Banks since Banks was residing in California and the Governor of California has extradition papers for Banks.

An Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution warrant was issued for Banks and he was arrested by Bureau Agents in California.

Subsequently, Banks appeared in Municipal Court, San Francisco, California, and posted \$10,000 bond. The Governor of California refused to extradite him and the State of South Dakota appealed the California Governor's refusal to the California Appellate Court. The California Appellate Court ruled in favor of the State of South Dakota. The Governor of California has 60 days in which to appeal the Appellate Court's ruling. This hearing is scheduled for 7/19/77.

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Memorandum to Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.  
Re: Dennis James Banks  
157-29309

(DEANAWIDAH QURTZALCOATL)

On May 4/1977, our Portland Office received information from a source of unknown reliability indicating that Banks has been teaching at D. Q. University in Davis California. This source advised [REDACTED] b7D

Banks is currently the subject of a full investigation, office of origin, Sacramento. Pertinent offices have been alerted concerning the above information and appropriate leads are outstanding in an attempt to verify the information furnished by the Portland source. You will be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

APPROVED: [Signature]

Director [Signature]  
Asso. Dir. [Signature]  
Dep. AD Adm. [Signature]  
Dep. AD Inv. [Signature]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. HELD

DATE: 5/6/77

FROM : J. B. ADAMS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

For some time, [ ] has been interested in arranging a conference between Mr. Kelley and Dennis Banks directed toward lessening the tensions between the FBI and the American Indian Movement (AIM). The Director has indicated his willingness to meet in this regard; however, it has not been considered feasible until after the pending trial of [ ] which has recently been completed. It was felt that a meeting with Banks might be exploited in some way for publicity during the trial of [ ]. The matter has been further compounded by the fact that Banks failed to appear for sentencing in South Dakota by local authorities on charges involving weapon offenses. An UFAP warrant was issued for Banks; he was arrested by the FBI in California and the Governor of California refused to extradite him. The matter was appealed to the California Appellate Court which ruled in favor of South Dakota, ordering the extradition of Banks to South Dakota. The Governor of California has 60 days to appeal this ruling and this hearing is currently scheduled for 7/19/77.

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I contacted [ ] on 5/4/77 and advised him of Mr. Kelley's willingness to meet with him and Banks at such time as Banks' current difficulties were resolved. [ ] expressed his appreciation, felt that such a meeting would be meaningful, and would not be exploited for publicity purposes but might contribute to a lessening of tensions between the FBI and AIM. I told him that we are interested in any reasonable means of reducing such tension and that he may desire to consider having some other individual meet with Mr. Kelley in the event Banks may not be available for some period of time.

[ ] expressed appreciation and indicated he would be in touch with me at a later date.

ACTION: None. Information only.

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1 - Mr. Held

1 - Mr. Moore

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DATE: May 24, 1977

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: Investigation Review UnitSUBJECT: Dennis James Banks  
DS-AIM

TO: Director, FBI

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By letter of transmittal dated 1/26/77 you advised us that a full domestic security investigation was opened on the above-named subject. Our records show that a 90-day progress report was due with regard to this matter on 4/26/77. To date we have not received it. Please forward this report to us at your earliest convenience.

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*See 5-169 to IRU  
dated 6/27/77 w/  
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To: SAC, Sacramento (157-4159)  
From: Director, FBI (157-29309)

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
DS - AIM  
(BUDED: 6/10/77)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

1 - [redacted]  
1 - Mr. Mignosa  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - Sacramento Guidance Folder  
1 - [redacted]

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Reurlet and LHM 1/14/77, initiating full domestic security investigation regarding captioned subject.

The Attorney General Guidelines for domestic security investigations require that a progress report be submitted to the Department of Justice 90 days after the initiation of a full domestic security investigation, and the results at the end of each year the investigation continues. Since the Department was advised of this full investigation by referenced LHM, you should, if not already done, promptly submit a progress report in this matter in compliance with Buded.

**NOTE:** Subject is National Executive Director of the extremist American Indian Movement. He was convicted in 7/75 for being armed during a riot and assault with a dangerous weapon without intent to kill. Subject failed to appear for sentencing and is currently residing in California, where the Governor refused to extradite him to South Dakota. The state of South Dakota is still attempting, through California Appellate Court, to extradite subject. Buded is necessary to avoid any unnecessary delay in submission of a progress report which is already delinquent.

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*Aggr. [redacted] SC DN.  
was telephonically advised  
on 6/1/77, that progress  
report not required. See  
SC let + LHM 4/27/77.*

✓ The Attorney General  
 Attention: Office of Policy and Planning  
 Investigation Review Unit  
 Director, FBI

6/2/77

DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting an investigation concerning captioned matter in accordance with the current guidelines for domestic security investigations.

Reference: FBI letter 1/26/77

Enclosures:

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- ☐ An annual report
  - ☐ Other

Request of Department:

- ☐ It is requested that you determine in writing whether continued full investigation is warranted.

- ☐ Other

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 7/22/77

FROM: SAC SAN FRANCISCO (100-79338) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: Sacramento

Re San Francisco letter to Bureau dated 4/22/77.

On 7/21/77, [redacted] Department  
19, Municipal Court, San Francisco, advised that matter  
regarding BANKS' extradition was continued until 10/21/77.

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### SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Will follow and report  
hearing scheduled for 10/21/77.

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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# Execution By Extradition?

Berkeley Barb, May 20-26, 1977



"There are a number of things involving my own case which border on a very moral concern; that's whether the judicial system has the authority, the right, or the desire, to send me to my death without facing any type of execution sentence. There is evidence that I will in all probability be killed if I am sent to South Dakota prisons. Do the courts have that authority?"

-- Dennis Banks

by Sharon Skolnick

Saturday noon, May 21st, a rally will take place at San Francisco's Civic Center in support of Governor Jerry Brown's stand to resist the extradition of American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Dennis Banks. Religious leaders Jim Jones

and Cecil Williams will join AIM members in support of Banks, a Chippewa Indian from Leech Lake, Minnesota and currently an instructor in Native American religion and philosophy and federal Indian law at D-Q University near Davis.

In the past year over 750,000 signatures have gone to the Governor's Office urging against Banks' extradition to South Dakota, where evidence suggests the AIM leaders life would be in jeopardy.

Banks fled South Dakota in 1975 just prior to sentencing on riot-and-assault charges stemming from a racial/political confrontation in the town of Custer. Fleeing westward, Banks was "harbored" by his good friend Lehman Brightman, a teacher in the Native Studies Program at Contra Costa College. Arrested and briefly jailed, Banks was freed on bail and released in California where he subsequently began to teach and was instrumental in bringing the sacred Sun Dance ceremony to the West for the first time in history.

(South Dakota attorney general William Janklow promised white South Dakotans

Donald James Banks

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during his election campaign that he would "get" the AIM leaders. "There is only one way to stop the Indian problem here," Janklow has stated. "And that is to put a gun to the AIM leader's head and put a bullet through it." (Janklow has a special vendetta against Banks who, as a tribal attorney, once tried Janklow for the rape of a young Indian girl who had been Janklow's babysitter.)

Governor Brown initiated an extensive investigation into the case. After several months of silence, he was quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle as saying that there is "substantial evidence" of a threat to Banks' life and safety in South Dakota, and that he had "grave doubts" he would sign papers of extradition.

On April 25, however, the Third Appellate Court of California issued a writ of mandamus, ordering Brown to extradite Banks on the grounds that California and South Dakota are so-called "sister states" and have an agreement to automatically return each other's fugitives. This premise would reduce Brown's discretionary gubernatorial powers to a mere

cly "mandatory, ministerial" function -- a kind of zombie hand with a pen.

Jerry Brown stated that he will appeal the lower court's decision to the California Supreme Court, and then act pursuant to the decision of that court. Now the question becomes: What are the discretionary powers of a California governor in light of substantial evidence of a life-threatening situation to a fugitive seeking sanctuary?

"The case involves other things, bordering on constitutional law, on states' rights, on governors' rights and human rights," Banks says. "There are a lot of people who are concerned about the rights, not only of one man, but of many individuals in South Dakota...."

Banks is above all a traditional man, and his direction is spiritual in nature. Politics and spirituality are seen by many traditional Native Americans as inextricably intertwined. This spirituality has carried the indigenous peoples of North America through 400 years of atrocities so gross and subtle, so insidious and pervasive, that it seems the dominant culture itself would rather avoid the issue and evidence completely than peer into America's bloody reflection.

With Dennis Banks, spirituality encompasses politics. He is an evocative speaker, in close touch with the realities and dreams of his people. Tired stereotypes bite the dust wherever he goes, and maybe that's what frightens status-quo white South Dakotans the most. Could it be time for them also to begin to wipe the dusty anglo fingerprints off the American mirror and take a good look?

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Washington Post \_\_\_\_\_

Boston Star-News \_\_\_\_\_

Daily News (New York) \_\_\_\_\_

The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_

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The National Observer \_\_\_\_\_

The Los Angeles Times \_\_\_\_\_

Date May 20-26 1977

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.

FROM : S. S. Mignosa, sm/lmw

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
DS - AIM

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. H. A. Boynton  
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.

1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. S. S. Mignosa  
DATE: 9/14/77

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**PURPOSE:** To advise of information received from a source of our Seattle Office indicating Dennis James Banks, convicted of local charges in South Dakota, [REDACTED] and of plans to obtain unlawful flight process regarding Banks.

**SYNOPSIS:** Dennis James Banks, National Executive Director of the extremist American Indian Movement (AIM), was convicted on 7/26/75, for being armed during a riot and assault with a dangerous weapon without intent to kill. Subsequently, Banks failed to appear for sentencing in Custer, South Dakota. Banks currently resides at Davis, California, where the Governor of California has refused to extradite him to South Dakota. The State of South Dakota has appealed the California Governor's refusal to the California Appellate Court, which has ruled in favor of the State of South Dakota. The Governor of California has in turn appealed the Appellate Court's ruling.

Our Seattle Office advises that one of their security informants [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Our Minneapolis Office has indicated that local authorities in Custer have requested FBI assistance and the United States Attorney has indicated he will authorize unlawful flight process once Banks departs the State of California. Seattle indicates its informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that FBIHQ [REDACTED]

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Re: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
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should comment as to whether this case warrants such action.  
Seattle was telephonically advised [redacted]  
[redacted] You will be kept advised of pertinent data.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

APPROVED: [redacted] *JP/21*

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DETAILS: Information previously received indicated Dennis James Banks, National Executive Director of the extremist AIM, [redacted]

[redacted] Banks was initially convicted on 7/26/75, for being armed during a riot and assault with a dangerous weapon without intent to kill. Subsequently, Banks failed to appear for sentencing in Custer.

An Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution (UFAP) warrant was issued for Banks, and he was arrested by Bureau Agents in California, but the Governor of California refused to extradite him. The State of South Dakota appealed the California Governor's refusal to the California Appellate Court, which ruled in favor of South Dakota. The Governor of California appealed the Appellate Court's ruling.

A security informant of our Seattle Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Seattle informant indicates [REDACTED]

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Seattle advises [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] requested FBIHQ's comments  
regarding this.

Seattle Office was telephonically advised [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It is felt, that with  
Seattle informant [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] this should be a sufficient means to determine  
if and when he departs the State of California. At that time,  
Rapid City Mini Office will obtain UFAP warrant and advise  
Seattle that warrant has been issued so that Banks's  
apprehension can be effected.

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You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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SURVEILLANCE CONTINGENCY PLANS IN EFFECT ON STANDBY BASIS WITH IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULED UPON RECEIPT OF BANKS' ACTUAL DEPARTURE FROM CALIFORNIA TO CANADA.

SEATTLE AT SEATTLE. CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AND WILL KEEP APPROPRIATE OFFICES APPRISED.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM-AIM, OO: MINNEAPOLIS

RESETEL SEPTEMBER 16, 1977.

INVESTIGATION AT SEATTLE REFLECTS THAT BANKS STILL INTENDS

TO TRAVEL FROM CALIFORNIA TO CANADA AND HIS EXACT DATE IS UNKNOWN

OTHER THAN IT IS ANTICIPATED HIS DEPARTURE WILL BE DURING THE

PERIOD SEPTEMBER 20 THROUGH 24, 1977. PERTINENT INFORMATION

DEVELOPED THIS DATE REFLECTS BANKS INTENDS TO TRAVEL IN A TOTAL

OF FOUR VEHICLES TO CANADA. INFORMATION INDICATES THAT IF BANKS

DOES IN FACT TRAVEL IN THIS NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT SOME OF THESE

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VEHICLES WILL INCLUDE SUPPORTERS OF BANKS THAT WILL BE CARRYING VARIOUS TYPES OF ARMS AS PROTECTION FOR BANKS DURING HIS FLIGHT. IN VIEW OF THIS, ALL OFFICES THAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE TENTATIVE SURVEILLANCE OF BANKS SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CARE.

SEATTLE: WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION AND APPROPRIATELY ADVISE RECEIVING OFFICES.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS. EM - AIM. OO: RAPID CITY.

RE SEATTLE TELEPHONE CALLS TO SACRAMENTO, SEPT. 16, 1977, AND  
SEPT. 19, 1977. CA.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, SACRAMENTO HAS BEEN CON-  
DUCTING DISCREET SPOT CHECKS OF SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE. AN INDIVIDUAL  
BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT, OBSERVED AT HIS RESIDENCE, AFTERNOON OF  
SEPT. 19, 1977, AND AT THAT TIME HE APPEARED TO BE WORKING ON THE  
MOTOR OF A RED TRUCK OR VAN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED.

THE FOLLOWING TWO VEHICLES HAVE BEEN AT SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE  
ON A CONTINUING BASIS:

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(1) 1970 BEIGE TOYOTA SEDAN, [REDACTED] LICENSE [REDACTED]  
REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]  
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(2) 1964 GREEN PLYMOUTH STATION WAGON, [REDACTED] LICENSE  
[REDACTED] REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (THIS VEHICLE USUALLY PARKED IN SUBJECT'S  
GARAGE.)

AS PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT TO SEATTLE, CONTINUOUS COVERAGE OF  
SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE UNDER DISCREET AND SECURE CONDITIONS IS  
IMPOSSIBLE. COVERAGE OF SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES AND MOVEMENTS AT DQU  
UNIVERSITY ALSO IMPOSSIBLE, DUE TO TIGHT SECURITY. IN VIEW OF THIS,  
SACRAMENTO IS CONTINUING PERIODIC DISCREET SPOT CHECKS OF RESIDENCE  
AND GENERAL AREA.

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ON-SACRAMENTO HAS SURVEILLANCE TEAM, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

FOR THE INFORMATION OF PORTLAND, SACRAMENTO UNITS WILL [REDACTED]  
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SUBJECT AND ASSOCIATES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.  
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RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPES TO BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER 20 AND  
22, 1977.

ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1977, U.S. PROBATION OFFICER, SOUTH DAKOTA,  
ADVISED A PROBATIONER, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN TRAVELING  
FROM THE [REDACTED] TO THE STATE.

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OF CALIFORNIA WHERE HE HAS BEEN RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON JUNE 3, 1977, [REDACTED]

ASSOCIATE, RENTED A FORD F-60 U-HAUL TRUCK, VIN F60CCBF7061, IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND SINCE THEN [REDACTED] AND ASSOCIATES HAVE BEEN TRAVELING TO AND FROM THE WEST COAST, POSSIBLY IN THAT TRUCK. NCIC NEGATIVE ON VIN.

RENTAL TRUCK REPORTEDLY OVERDUE BUT HAS NOT BEEN TURNED IN. PROBATION OFFICER ADVISED A [REDACTED] YOLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HIM [REDACTED] MAY BE IN POSSESSION OF STOLEN RENTAL TRUCK WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED FROM SOUTH DAKOTA TO CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED] INDICATED HE IS WELL AWARE OF [REDACTED] AND HIS ASSOCIATES AT D. Q. UNIVERSITY.

RAPID CITY OPENING SEPARATE ITSMV INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE FORD TRUCK.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, PROBATION OFFICER ADVISED A CARAVAN OF NATIVE AMERICANS, INCLUDING [REDACTED] AND ASSOCIATES, SCHEDULED TO LEAVE D. Q. UNIVERSITY EN ROUTE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 5, 1977. U-HAUL TRUCK MAY BE INVOLVED IN THAT CARAVAN.

RAPID CITY IS UNAWARE OF LICENSE NUMBER OF TRUCK OR OF

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SOURCE FROM WHICH IT WAS ALLEGEDLY RENTED.

IF FEASIBLE, SACRAMENTO WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE LICENSE  
NUMBER OF TRUCK IF OBSERVED DURING COURSE OF INVESTIGATION  
REFERRED TO IN REFERENCED TELETYPES AND WILL SUTEL RAPID CITY  
SO OWNERSHIP OF VEHICLE MAY BE DETERMINED.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (88-62638)

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (88-7637) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS;  
DS - AIM  
(OO: Rapid City)

DATE: 11/25/77

Re Sacramento airtel to the Bureau, 10/18/77, captioned  
"DENNIS JAMES BANKS; DS-AIM, OO: Sacramento."

For information, continuous contact has been made with appropriate sources in Oregon and no positive information regarding anticipated travel of captioned subject from California to Canada has been forthcoming.

Referenced airtel indicates that it appears that at present, BANKS has no intention, as previously reported, of fleeing California or the United States.

In view of the above, this case is being referred upon completion.

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS, EM - AIM; OO: RAPID CITY.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE SEPTEMBER 20, 1977.

FOR INFORMATION OF SACRAMENTO AND SEATTLE, PORTLAND  
HAS PREPARED TWO CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR ANTICIPATED SURVEILLANCE  
AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT A HIGH DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY WILL BE  
NECESSARY TO COORDINATE SUCCESSFUL DISCREET SURVEILLANCE.

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SUBJECT AND ASSOCIATES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

FROM : *clm*  
*BB* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-79338) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
EM - AIM  
OO: Sacramento

DATE: 11/2/77

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RE SF letter to the Bureau dated 7/22/77.

*sf*  
On 11/2/77 SA [ ] contacted [ ]  
[ ] of the Court, Department 19, Municipal Court,  
San Francisco, who advised that the extradition hearing  
regarding DENNIS BANKS had been continued to 1/16/78.  
[ ] advised the court was still awaiting the decision  
by the California Supreme Court regarding the issuance of  
the Governor's warrant. *JP*

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### SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report  
hearing scheduled for 1/16/78.

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES BANKS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 11/16/77

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-4159) (P)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
DS - AIM  
OO: SC

ReSFlet to Bureau, 11/2/77.

On 10/25/77, it was determined through the office of the Third Appellate District, California State Court of Appeals, Library and Court Building, Room 119, Sacramento, that their case #16531 had been referred to the California State Supreme Court, 4250 State Building, San Francisco, California, telephone #415-557-0587.

On 10/25/77, inquiry of the Sacramento office of the California Supreme Court, Library and Court Building, Room 100, determined that the case of the State of South Dakota versus Brown (i.e., captioned matter) was to be considered in the presentation of oral arguments at 9:30 a.m., 11/10/77, in the courtroom of the Supreme Court at the Library and Courts Building, case #S.F.23579. All written briefs in the case have already been submitted and all records pertaining to this matter are maintained in San Francisco. Following completion of the above arguments, the Supreme Court will take the matter under advisement and deliver an opinion which might take several months or possibly a year.

On 11/14/77, recontact with the California Supreme Court, Sacramento, determined that oral arguments had been presented by respective counsel for DENNIS BANKS and the State of California on 11/10/77, and that the courtroom had been packed with spectators, although no demonstrations had taken place.

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- ② Bureau (RM)
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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Follow litigation in this matter through the California State Supreme Court, 4250 State Building, telephone #415-557-0587, to determine when the court will render a written opinion.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 12/7/77

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-4159) (P\*)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
DS - AIM  
OO: SC

ReSClet and LHM to Bureau, 4/27/77, and SClet to Bureau, 11/16/77.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies, for San Francisco two copies, and for Minneapolis one copy of LHM, dated and captioned as above, constituting a progress report in this matter since the inception of a full investigation of subject on 1/14/77.

Interview of subject is not being recommended since there is no reason to believe it would be productive and could result in re-enforcing allegations by the American Indian Movement (AIM) that the FBI is harassing and obstructing the legitimate activities of American Indians. In addition, efforts to interview BANKS have been denied by his attorney, [redacted] of Oakland, California.

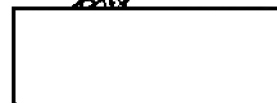
Sacramento is in a position through established sources and [redacted] to become aware of any possible re-emergence of subject within AIM should such occur. However, at present Sacramento is placing this case in a pending inactive status awaiting results of lead outstanding in SClet, dated 11/16/77, for San Francisco to follow the outcome of the hearing before the California Supreme Court.

Full investigation of BANKS was instituted when he held a position of national leadership in AIM; however, this is no longer the case, and BANKS has apparently become content in his lifestyle at DQU. It would therefore appear

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that the standard for a full investigation under the Attorney General guidelines can no longer be satisfied, and Sacramento recommends that FBIHQ terminate this investigation with the exception of determining the outcome of the above hearing. Should the Bureau so desire, it may refer this matter to the Investigative Review Unit of the Department for concurrence in Sacramento's recommendation.

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Sacramento, California  
December 7, 1977

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Residence

Dennis James Banks, born April 12, 1937, at Federal Dam, Minnesota, resides at 1617 Clemson Drive, Davis, California.

Employment

Banks is presently employed as a member of the faculty at Deganawidah Quetzalcoatl University (DQU), a two-year academic institution recently accredited on July 1, 1977, to bestow A.A. or A.S. degrees primarily in the fields of Native American and Chicano studies. DQU is located near Davis, California.

Legal Process

The State of South Dakota is presently seeking to extradite Banks from California for sentencing following conviction in South Dakota in July, 1975, on charges of riot and assault. Following Banks' arrest in California in January, 1976, his extradition was blocked by California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., and the case was subsequently referred to the California Supreme Court. Written briefs in this proceeding before the California Supreme Court have been completed, and on November 10, 1977, oral arguments were presented by respective counsel for Banks and the State of California before the California Supreme Court holding session that date in Sacramento. It is anticipated that several months or possibly a year will elapse before a decision is forthcoming from the California Supreme Court.

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DENNIS JAMES BANKS

Activities

Banks is not known to currently hold any position with the American Indian Movement (AIM) (see Appendix), and no information has been received that he has acted in any manner in support of that organization during the past year which would constitute a violation of federal law.

Recommendation

In view of Banks' lack of a position of leadership in AIM or activities on his part in connection with that organization which would be in violation of federal law, it is recommended that full investigation of the activities of Banks be discontinued.

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, BANKS SHOULD BE  
CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU (2)

RE: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
(KEY EXTREMIST)  
EM - AIM

Enclosed are a xerox copy of a



MP letter to the Bureau dated  
11/30/73.

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## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Attorney General  
 Attention: Office of Policy and Planning  
 Investigation Review Unit  
 Director, FBI

1/10/78

DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
 DS - AIM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting an investigation concerning captioned matter in accordance with the current guidelines for domestic security investigations.

## Reference:

## Enclosures:

- ☒ A memorandum to notify you of
- ☐ An extended preliminary investigation
  - ☐ A limited investigation
  - ☐ A full investigation
- ☐ A 90-day progress report
- ☐ An annual report
- ☒ Other Notification of discontinuance of full domestic security investigation.

## Request of Department:

- ☐ It is requested that you determine in writing whether continued full investigation is warranted.

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☐ Other

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 3/30/78

FROM : *clm*  
*CS* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-79338)(RUC)(SQUAD 14)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES <sup>0</sup>BANKS  
DS - AIM  
OO: SC

RE SC letter to Director dated 12/7/77.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and receiving offices are appropriate numbers of LHMs regarding subject DENNIS JAMES BANKS.

*bot* As set forth in the attached LHM, the California Supreme Court in a 5 to 2 decision refused to order California Governor EDMUND G. BROWN to extradite Indian leader DENNIS BANKS to South Dakota.

Inasmuch as the decision by the California Supreme Court has been rendered and there are no outstanding leads at San Francisco, this case is considered RUC at San Francisco. *(C)*

IN VIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES, DENNIS BANKS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

March 30, 1978

DENNIS JAMES BANKS

On March 27, 1978, [redacted] California  
Supreme Court, San Francisco, telephone [redacted] advised  
a decision was filed on March 20, 1978 in the case captioned  
State of South Dakota vs. Brown which stated in essence the  
Court could not force the Governor of California to extradite  
Dennis Banks.

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# Court: Can't force Brown to extradite AIM leader

By Henry Weinstein

The state Supreme Court has ruled that Gov. Brown cannot be ordered to extradite American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks to South Dakota.

The court said yesterday that it is within Brown's discretion to honor or deny a two-year-old request from South Dakota's attorney general to extradite Banks, but stressed that Brown must act one way or another.

The vote in the case was 5 to 2. Justice Stanley Mosk wrote a stinging dissent, asserting that Brown has a mandatory duty to grant a proper extradition request. He also said "the governor apparently insists he has some undefined inherent right to sit in perpetual contemplation of the matter, to neither grant nor deny the legal demand of a sister state for the return of a convicted felon who fled the state's justice and is harbored in California."

A spokesman for Brown said he would have no immediate comment because he has not yet read the decision.

A lawyer who represented South Dakota before the Supreme Court said the decision would be reviewed to see if it will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. "We will have to consider the opinion and surrounding circumstances to decide what we want to do," said Charles Battle of the Los Angeles firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, which was retained by South Dakota for the case.

Battle said the fact that there was a dispute between two states and the fact that there is a question of interpretation of federal extradition law are grounds for appeal.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-29309)

DATE: 4/20/78

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-4159) (C)

SUBJECT: DENNIS JAMES BANKS  
DS - AIM  
OO: Sacramento

Re San Francisco letter and LHM, dated 3/30/78.

Enclosed for the Bureau and recipient offices are appropriate numbers of LHM in captioned matter.

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